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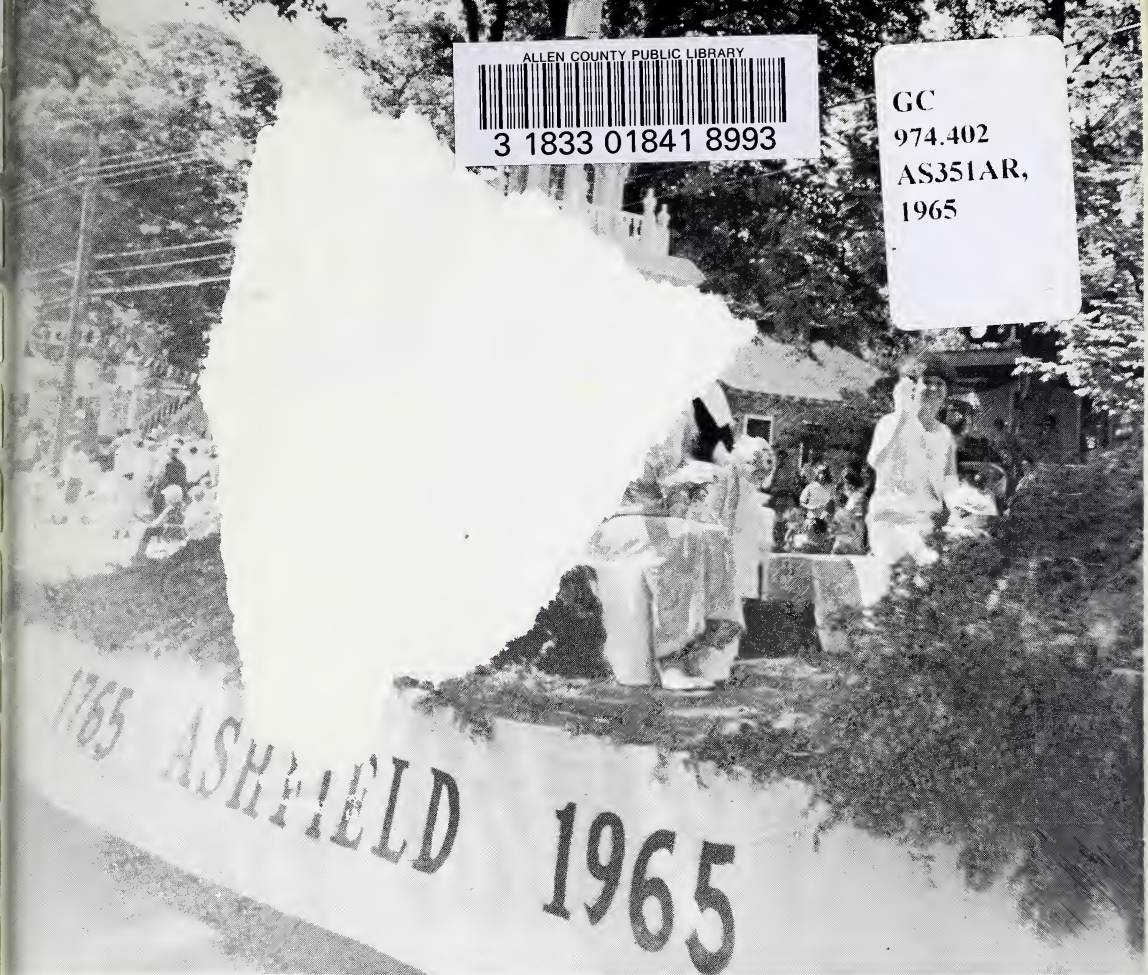
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U. S. SENATORS

Leverett Saltonstall, Dover Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

Silvio O. Conte, Pittsfield

STATE SENATOR

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr., Chesterfield

**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

Winston Healy, Charlemont

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Herlihy, Chairman, Deerfield

Frank H. Reed, Greenfield

Wendell E. Streeter, Bernardston

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

LINWOOD B. LESURE
HARLAN W. NYE

CLERK and TREASURER

WALTER A. WHITNEY

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, BOARD OF HEALTH and PUBLIC WELFARE

RALPH L. HOWES	Term Expires 1966
WARREN M. CHASE	Term Expires 1967
LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term Expires 1968

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MARY PRISCILLA HOWES	Term Expires 1966
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term Expires 1967
DOROTHY GRAY	Term Expires 1968
ELMER E. LESURE	Term Expires 1969
HOPE PACKARD	Term Expires 1970

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RALPH L. HOWES	Term Expires 1966
WARREN M. CHASE	Term Expires 1966
LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term Expires 1966

PARK COMMISSION

ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE	Term Expires 1966
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term Expires 1967
NORMAN SCOTT	Term Expires 1968

TAX COLLECTOR

CLEMENT H. RECORD	Term Expires 1967
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CONSTABLES

NORMAN C. SCOTT	NORMAN WARD
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	

AUDITOR

LESLIE H. GUILFORD

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD
PHILIP L. NOLON, JR.

NELSON D. GRAVES
WALLTER A. WHITNEY

SURVEYORS

of Wood

GILBERT N. GARDNER
CLARENCE S. HALL
ERNEST W. TAYLOR

of Lumber

ALBERT R. KENDRICK
GILBERT W. ROBERTS
WILLIAM C. WHITEHOUSE

FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY

PHILIP R. DAMON

FIELD DRIVERS and POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK

MERTON HOWES

DOG OFFICER

WILBERT L. RAINVILLE

TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ROBERT E. REIDY

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST FIRE WARDEN

LESTER J. ROBERTS

INSPECTOR OF MEATS

ROGER B. SCOTT

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

A. LINWOOD WILLIAMS

BURIAL AGENT

D. WALLACE LILLY

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the fifth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, One Selectman, Assessor and Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, One Member of the School Committee for three years, Auditor, One Member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee for two years, One Member of the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School Committee for three years, Tree Warden, One Library Trustee for Five years, One Park Commissioner for three years, all on one ballot and to choose all necessary Town Officers. Polls will be closed at six o'clock.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden, to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$7,250.00 under Chapter 90. Said money to be used on the Hawley Road and the West Road in conjunction with any moneys which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as the Finance Committee.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the ensuing year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:—

Chapter 81	\$ 3,900.00
Winter Roads	.....
Paid Vacations for Highway Dept.	481.00
Town Dump	850.00
Incidentals	600.00
Fires and Equipment	1,800.00
Town Hall	1,600.00
Workmen's Compensation	.....
Bonds	250.00
Office Expense	950.00
Bridges and Railings	300.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	800.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Inspection of Meats	25.00
Elections	300.00
Registrars	200.00
Town Officers	4,800.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	400.00
Street Lights	1,382.52
Administration of Welfare	375.00
General Relief	
Old Age Assistance	
Medical Aid for the Aged	25,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Disability Assistance	
Veterans' Benefits	2,000.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Service	
Center, Maintenance	680.00
Franklin County Retirement System	
Maintenance	2,250.40

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1966 and January 1, 1967, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a

period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for that purpose.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Park and Beach maintenance or act relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,050.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1965 Machinery Earnings (\$12,655.85) and the balance of the 1965 Machinery Expense Account (\$2,184.35) to the 1966 Machinery Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any Town used equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1965 Ambulance Earnings and Gifts (\$422.00) and the balance of the 1965 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$147.00) to the 1966 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance or act relative thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Maintenance highway work; reimbursement, when received, to be returned to Surplus Revenue, or act relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for the Town's share of the expense of the Ashfield - Sunderland - Whately Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$169,120.00 for the support of Public and Vocational Schools.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,718.90 to pay the Town's share of the 1966 Operating Budget of the Mohawk Regional School District.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$831.74 to pay the Town's share of the 1966 Operation Budget of the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School District.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civilian Defense or act relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Civilian Defense.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to be applied to reduce the Tax Rate.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to provide for professional appraisal of all buildings in Ashfield or act relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the use of the Assessors or act relative thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of 5 members under the provisions of Section 81A of Chapter 41, General Laws with all of the powers and duties thereof, and that said 5 members shall be appointed by the Moderator; one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of statute or act relative thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Conservation Commission of three members under the provision of Chapter 223, Acts of 1952 (Chapter 40, Section 8C General Laws) with all of the powers and duties thereof and that the said three members shall be appointed by the Selectmen, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of statute or act relative thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Sum of \$76.27 to pay the Town's share of the 1966 Capital Budget of the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School District.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept Cape Street Road as a town way upon its construction and completion by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, the Town to stand all costs of rights of way.

RALPH L. HOWES,
WARREN M. CHASE,
LINWOOD B. LESURE,
Selectmen of Ashfield

NOTE: This Warrant appears as a matter of information; The Official Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1965 \$ 89,484.08

Clement H. Record, Tax Collector:

1962 Tax	\$ 5.40
1963 Tax	1,517.90
Interest	75.18
Auto Excise Tax	26.40
Interest	2.55
Costs	21.00
1964 Tax	9,852.15
Animal Excise Tax	132.09
Interest	205.23
Auto Excise Tax	3,861.56
Interest	71.01
Costs	136.21
1965 Tax	126,299.86
Animal Excise Tax	1,255.58
Interest	21.43
Auto Excise Tax	18,916.70
Interest	16.05
Costs	35.00
	<hr/> \$162,451.30

Treasurer of the Commonwealth:

Chapter 81 (1964)	\$ 9,341.22
Chapter 90 (1964)	14,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1964)	2,500.00
Chapter 822	9,713.74
School Aid, Chapter 70	20,005.64
School Aid, Chapter 69 & 71	3,132.94
Tuition & Transportation of State Wards	2,076.65
Transportation of Pupils	9,733.18
Vocational Education	3,587.14
School Superintendent's Salary (1964)	1,972.36
School Superintendent's Salary (1965)	2,694.36
Hot Lunch Reimbursement	4,115.14
Chapter 81 (1965)	13,493.26
State Tax	3,475.95

Corporation Tax, Business	10,040.54
Meals Tax	985.25
Veterans Benefits	1,838.37
Veterans Abatement	168.00
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	7,454.00
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	2,403.00
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,737.00
Medical Aid to the Aged, U. S. Grant	7,283.37
Old Age Assistance, State	6,178.25
Aid to Dependent Children, State	1,530.48
Disability Assistance, State	4,195.98
Medical Aid to the Aged, State	4,642.25
General Relief, State	114.94
Inspection of Animals	75.00
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	262.31
Town History	6.27
	<hr/> \$149,256.59

Internal Revenue Service	
Tax Refund	10.04

Treasurer of Franklin County:

Dog Tax Refund	\$ 324.29
Dog Officer Expense	17.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1964)	2,500.00
Chapter 90 (1964)	7,250.00
	<hr/> \$ 10,091.29

Town of Buckland, Expense of Dump	304.50
Town of Buckland, Tuition & Transportation	518.31
Town of Conway, Tuition & Transportation	370.40
Town of Goshen, Tuition	385.00
Town of Plainfield, Tuition	4,223.04
Buckland-Shelburne Regional School, Tuition	402.80
James L. Murphy, Tuition & Transportation	189.44
Hot Lunch Receipts	10,898.75
Athletic Receipts	403.50
Music Receipts	100.00
Machinery Earnings	12,414.85
Gravel	43.80
Ambulance Earnings	312.00
Ambulance Gifts	110.00
Collections of Public Health Nurse	148.25
Hall Rent	279.00

Licenses & Permits	85.00
Package Store Licenses	600.00
Dog Licenses	418.25
Dept. of Public Works, Snow Removal	241.00
Federal Withholding Tax	15,538.10
Mass. Withholding Tax	1,785.76
Employer's Compensation (Mass. Tax)	28.12
Retirement Deductions	1,546.50
Blue Cross Deductions	2,241.50
Bicentennial Receipts:	
Sponsors	1,150.00
Sale of Programs	883.00
Pageant	696.50
Grand Ball	451.10
Square Dance	70.57
Block Dance	67.57
First Prize, Charlemont	45.00
Gifts	90.00
Miscellaneous	87.79
Sale of Town History	2,112.00
Sale of History Mailing Bags	3.96
Postage on Town History	4.33
Sale of Old Tractor	10.00
Sale of Used Snow Plow	75.00
Sale of Misc. Old Iron	20.03
Georganna Gorman, Scraping Drive	15.10
Green Meadows Nursing Home, Grading Drive	54.20
G. Gilbert Henry, Gravel	6.00
Linwood B. Lesure, Tar Patch	260.70
Douglas H. Nye, Tar Patch	199.50
Clyde Taylor, Tar Patch	122.60
Ashfield House, Tar Patch	108.00
Joseph Giard, Tar Patch	79.25
Marjory Packard, Tar Patch	77.30
Howes Bros., Tar Patch	57.90
Freeman C. Whitehouse, Tar Patch	29.60
Raymond H. Reniff, Reimbursement	8.90
Norman C. Scott, Reimbursement	5.00
Douglas A. Cranson, Reimbursement	3.75
Interest on Treasurer's Cash	904.48
Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund, Painting School	2,368.00
Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund, Publishing History	3,528.25
Income from Charity Funds	605.53
District Court Fine	15.00
Income of Whiting Street Fund	96.36

Income of Cemetery Funds	130.00
Income of Frederick A. Cross Library Fund	200.00
Income of M. M. Belding, Jr., Fund	
For Library	77.51
For Park	77.51
Cancelled Welfare Checks	132.95
Cancelled Abatement Check	8.80
Unidentified	1.98
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	\$479,822.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders	\$204,015.90
School Committee Orders	155,995.57
Hot Lunch Orders	14,449.24
Athletic Orders	423.55
Music Orders	162.79
Painting School Building Orders	2,368.00
Cash Balance	102,407.14
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	\$479,822.19

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN

Shelburne Falls National Bank:	
School Addition Loan	\$ 8,000.00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cash Balance	\$102,407.14
Uncollected 1963 Auto Excise Tax	57.00
Uncollected 1964 Tax	2,233.72
Uncollected 1964 Auto Excise Tax	660.36
Uncollected 1965 Tax	15,955.90
Uncollected 1965 Animal Excise Tax	250.23
Uncollected 1965 Auto Excise Tax	7,080.81
Due from the County:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,500.00
Chapter 90	6,314.18
Due from the State:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,500.00
Chapter 90	12,628.36
Chapter 81	7,956.74
School Adjustment Counsellor	1,800.00
Town of Plainfield, Tuition	2,804.96
Buckland - Shelburne Regional School, Tuition	269.00
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	\$165,418.40

TOWN FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1965

Susan H. Howes Fund	\$ 709.20
Whiting Street Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Fund	3,483.50
*Major King Fund	4,374.72
Salmon Miller Fund	4,469.86
*Eliza Miller Fund	10,298.66
William A. Hathaway Fund	7,346.25
xFrederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	40,899.04

* These Funds each hold \$2,000. (face value) in U. S. Savings Bonds.

x This Fund holds \$16,500. (face value) in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1965	Name	Parents
January	6—Michael Dean Pease	H. Roger and Brita (Blankenship) Pease
March	20—Roland Darwin Taylor, Jr.	Roland D. and Linda L. (Beals) Taylor
April	9—Norman Robert Reidy	Robert E. and Carol (Adamson) Reidy
	23—Todd Eric DuBois	Gordon D. and Jane E. (Smith) DuBois
	30—Andrea Dale Cranson	Douglas A. and Muriel (Howes) Cranson
May	13—Michele Ann Giffin	Gordon K. and Sylvia (Amos) Giffin
	30—Karalee Howes	Nelson L. and Joan (Cotter) Howes
	24—Jennifer Louise Robertson	Robert and R. Ann (Merrill) Robertson
August	22—Melissa Anne Gardner	Richard and Carole (Burton) Gardner
October	4—Patrick Andrew Wolf	Theodore and Judy S. (Donovan) Wolf
December	27—Heidi Lynn Streeter	Howard A. and Emilianna (McCoy) Streeter
	(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)	

Helen B. (Little) Boyden
Ashfield, Mass.

Nancy M. (Hall) Spitzer
Ashfield, Mass.

Marjorie A. Doneilo
Ashfield, Mass.

Katherine A. Fitzgerald
Ashfield, Mass.

Cynthia Ann Fish
Buckland, Mass.

Marian Dunlap Smith
Ashfield, Mass.

Marjorie Eleanor Crafts
Shelburne, Mass.

Chloe Pamela Schaefer
Hawley, Mass.

September

25—Richard David Cranson
Ashfield, Mass.

Barbara Ann Niedjela
Hadley, Mass.

October

16—Edward C. Dufresne, Jr.
Ashfield, Mass.
23—Lawrence Nelson Fuller
Ashfield, Mass.
30—Larry C. Baker
Kearny, N. J.

Sandra Graves
Ashfield, Mass.
Bonnie Arlene Ryznic
Amherst, Mass.
Joyce C. Cranson
Ashfield, Mass.

November

11—Carl B. Liebenow
Cummington, Mass.

Lillian E. (Lanoue) Jenkins
Ashfield, Mass.

December

17—Michael Warger
Ashfield, Mass.
18—Frederick R. Willis, Jr.
East Chatham, N. Y.

Marion Rosenburg
Greenfield, Mass.
Jean L. Giard
Ashfield, Mass.

DEATHS

1965		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
January				
3—	Mary E. (Alexander) Stacey	76	5	26
10—	Mary Elmira (Hobart) Atkins	86	6	17
February				
5—	Blanche Lee (Weymar) Goldschmidt	69	2	10
6—	Julia Isabelle (Mason) Batchelder	84	3	26
March				
4—	Moses Wilfred Rivard	70	1	0
25—	John Warger	61	11	4
April				
5—	Howard Henry Pease	78	7	28
May				
7—	Ernest H. Gibbs	68	9	....
11—	Fred R. Ingalls	70	11	8
June				
12—	Rose Lena Cushway	89	8	14
19—	Margaret Edgerton (Wilder) Hunt	75	0	12
August				
31—	Lillian (Schneck) Batchelder	82	0	20

September

1—Mary (Farr) Miller	75	8	27
6—Margaret (Ferguson) O'Neil	89	....	....
15—Jean M. Wylie	93	4	29
22—Leland Andrew Gardner	80	2	21
27—Fred E. Burnett	66	6	1

October

12—Marshall Delphia	82	6	24
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November

6—Arthur Brewer	89	11	17
14—Grace I. (Wells) Bassett	74	0	1
16—Ernest S. Nelson	73	11	28
16—Jennie M. Read	84	8	3
25—Augusta S. (Barrus) Pringle	90	5	25
26—Edward E. Bloom	84	9	10

December

6—Henry A. Churchill	86	9	26
19—Nathan William Fuller	69	3	4
30—Gilbert Nelson Gardner	63	4	13

Balloting

	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>
Annual Town Meeting, March 6, 1965	591	325

Dog Licenses Issued

1 Kennel	@ \$25.00	\$ 25.00	
5 Kennel	10.00	50.00	
107 Male	2.00	214.00	
14 Female	5.00	70.00	
52 Spayed Female	2.00	104.00	
		—————\$	463.00
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 418.25	
Fees retained		44.75	
		—————\$	463.00

Fish and Game Licenses Issued

19 Resident Citizen Sporting (over 70)			Free
2 Resident Citizen Fishing (Paraplegic or Blind)			Free
47 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$4.25	\$ 199.75	
79 Resident Citizen Hunting	4.25	335.75	
75 Resident Citizen Sporting	7.25	543.75	

16 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	2.25	32.00	
11 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	3.25	35.75	
2 Resident Citizen Trapping	7.75	15.50	
2 Special Non-Resident Fishing (7 day)	4.25	8.50	
7 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	8.75	61.25	
5 Duplicate License	.50	2.50	
3 Archery Deer Stamp	1.10	3.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,242.05
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game		\$ 1,182.00	
Fees Retained		60.05	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,242.05

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY

Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Important actions in 1965 by the Town were: (a) continued and substantial improvement to Hawley and Pfersick Roads and completion of work on Ludwig Road; (b) participation in both preparation for construction of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School and creation of the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School District; (c) carrying out an eminently successful bicentennial celebration; and (d) last, but not least, maintenance and even strengthening somewhat financial soundness.

CHAPTER 90 ROADS

The Town completed work on, by black-topping, Ludwig Road. It extended improvement of Hawley Road westward towards its junction with Apple Valley Road, black-topping the portion graded and underlaid in 1964 and leveling and underlaying the corduroy section just west of the eliminated hairpin curve. The Town plans to continue this work in 1966.

CHAPTER 81 ROADS

The Town laid the new 96" culvert in the bed of Bear River under Pfersick Road and raised the level of the road over it. We plan to complete this work by black-topping the section in 1966.

CAPE STREET

The DPW carried forward its planning of work to widen, straighten, and improve grades on Cape Street, but not sufficiently to permit the Town to proceed with arrangements with the abutters. Everything points to letting contracts in 1966.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The District's annual report for 1965 is appended to this report. In 1965 we ordered payment of bills totaling \$1,657.37 for operations of the District and preparations for early construction.

ATHOL-FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

This District's annual report for 1965 is appended to this report. An Act of the General Court established finally the District in the summer of 1965, and during that year we ordered payment of \$136.26 for the District's operations.

REAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT TO 70-YEAR OLDS

In 1965 the Board of Assessors abated a total of \$53,800 (1964-\$47,600) of real property valuation to 25 (1964-25) claimants. That valuation equalled 3.7 (1964-3.4) percent of total real property valuation. Taxes abated were \$4,523.40 (1964-\$3,903.20), or the equivalent of slightly more than \$2.56 (1964-\$2.25) on the tax rate.

ASHFIELD'S BICENTENNIAL

To the Bicentennial Committee and to all persons helping the committee, all other townspeople owe an immense debt of gratitude for their years-long, and arduous, labor of preparation and outstanding manner of presentation of all parts of the celebration of the Town's 200th birthday in late June. The exemplary execution of all phases of planning showed fine generalship and coordination, great heart, and purposeful devotion by every participant to the common goal, unmindful of personal interest. In no small amount these virtues contributed to the extraordinary financial success of the enterprise, whereby expenses in 1964 and 1965 of \$4,705.67 were more than covered by the \$7,041.53 made available to cover them. The latter sum consisted of appropriations of \$3,500 and gifts and earnings totalling \$3,541.53. Actually, the total amount drawn from appropriations was therefore only \$1,164.14 or only about \$0.66 on the tax rate. In the history of bicentennial celebrations such a financial success must be a rarity.

TOWN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

In 1965 the Town was able to strengthen somewhat its already generally sound financial condition. At year's end its ratio of total assets to total obligations was about 20.7 to 1 (1964-14.4 to 1). As emphasized a year ago, such soundness is of utmost importance given the prospective expenses for the two regional schools now under-way. Achievement of such soundness was possible despite continued, though more slowly, rising payments in 1965 by both Selectmen and School Committee, as may be seen in the following tables (figures are from annual reports and are in thousands of dollars):

<i>Payment Orders by</i>		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Selectmen</i>	<i>School Committee (1)</i>
1956	\$173.2	65.4
1957	136.3	72.1
1958	170.3	79.7
1959	147.8	96.0(2)
1960	167.7	100.0(3)
1961	160.5	100.6
1962	168.9	110.2
1963	182.7	129.2
1964	198.6	147.5
1965	204.0	156.0

- (1) Excluding hot-lunch orders
- (2) Including \$4.0 of 1958 bills
- (4) Including \$0.4 of 1959 bills

TOWN ASSETS And OBLIGATIONS

(as of January 1)

Assets

Year	Uncollected		Owed By		Total	Obligations
	Cash	Taxes	County	State		
1957	\$ 46.7	\$10.1	\$4.6	\$17.7	\$ 79.1	\$31.0
1958	45.5	13.8	2.5	28.3	90.2	28.0
1959	53.4	14.1	3.0	29.1	99.7	25.0
1960	73.2	14.8	6.0	27.0	121.1	22.0
1961	64.5	14.6	4.5	32.2	115.8	19.0
1962	95.1	12.7	4.5	18.8	131.1	16.0
1963	88.1	14.2	5.1	26.5	133.9	14.0
1964	88.5	17.2	9.5	18.5	134.8*	12.0
1965	89.5	16.1	9.7	28.3	143.6	10.0
1966	102.4	26.2	8.8	24.9	165.4**	8.0

* Including \$1.0 due from a Charity fund

** Including \$3.1 due for tuition from Buckland and Buckland-Shelburne Regional School

STATE AUDIT

The State Auditors arrived in December for their periodic audit of Ashfield finances and accounts and had not yet completed their work by December 31.

RALPH HOWES

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Selectmen of Ashfield

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation	\$ 3,900.00	
State Allotment	21,450.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1.63	
		\$ 25,351.63
Superintendent	\$ 1,742.55	
Labor	7,137.45	
Town Equipment	6,517.45	
Hired Equipment	5,223.85	
Blasting	448.23	
Culvert	794.44	
Gravel & Grits	992.05	
Oil, Tar & Tar Patch	2,468.11	
Wire & Posts	27.50	
		\$ 25,351.63

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation — 1964	\$ 2,393.13
Chapter 882	4,856.87
County Allotment	7,250.00
State Allotment	14,500.00
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	\$ 29,000.00

LUDWIG ROAD — HAWLEY ROAD

Superintendent	\$ 827.85	
Labor	3,264.50	
Town Equipment	4,099.05	
Hired Equipment	10,561.75	
Blasting	1,253.42	
Culvert	666.41	
Gravel & Grits	2,430.85	
Tar & Oil	2,043.90	
Paint	15.00	
Cloride	94.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 25,256.73
Unexpended		<hr/>
		\$ 3,743.27

CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
County Allotment	2,500.00
State Allotment	2,500.00
Transferred From Reserved Fund	3.61
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	\$ 7,503.61

Superintendent	\$ 380.10	
Labor	1,566.00	
Town Equipment	1,314.30	
Hired Equipment	948.90	
Blasting	393.36	
Culvert	133.00	
Grits & Gravel	497.63	
Tar, Oil & Patch	2,208.19	
Paint	62.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,503.61

CHAPTER 822 — PFERSICK ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 4,856.87
Superintendent	\$ 65.10
Labor	279.00
Town Equipment	795.00
Hired Equipment	332.55
Tar & Tar Patch	825.16

Culvert	1,770.86	
Gravel	117.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,184.67
Unexpended		<hr/>
		\$ 672.20
WINTER ROADS		
Appropriation		\$ 6,500.00
Transferred From Reserve Fund		148.91
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		\$ 6,648.91
Labor	\$ 5,448.25	
Hired Equipment	110.50	
Sand	642.50	
Blades, Chains, etc.	427.58	
No Freeze	20.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,648.91

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transferred from 1964 Machinery Earnings		\$ 12,404.63
Transferred from 1964 Expense Account Deficit		161.86
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		\$ 12,242.77
Labor	\$ 640.75	
Gas & Oil	3,028.89	
Braun's Welding	263.68	
Reniff's Garage	980.18	
Wirthmore Stores	349.11	
Graves Equipment	273.80	
Dalton Tractor Co.	115.67	
Doug & Jerrys	582.57	
Wm. Smith	154.32	
Davis Tractor Co.	202.90	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	24.07	
Bruffee Motor Sales	13.50	
Farrar Co.	64.05	
Robert Clark	1,170.64	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	25.00	
Mary P. Howes	470.80	
Tri-County Contractors	64.50	
Tyler Equipment Corp.	68.83	
Agawam Tool. Co.	28.00	
Bills Upholstering	16.00	
Premier Fastner Co.	219.12	
Ashfield Water Co.	9.00	
Elmer's Store	25.41	
Carroll's Express	5.95	

Cummington Garage	48.00	
Harrison Raymond	51.45	
Bennett's Garage	1,024.18	
Sears Roebuck Co.	82.01	
Northern Glass Co.	26.34	
Harold A. Allen	13.31	
Norm's Service Station	4.00	
Agway	6.76	
Keyes Hardware	5.63	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,058.42
Unexpended Balance		\$ 2,184.35

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Labor	9.00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 391.00

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$ 900.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	43.72
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	\$ 943.72
Copies of Deeds	\$ 84.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	110.46
Typewriter — Second Hand	60.00
Hobbs & Warren — Supplies	187.47
G. G. Henry Print Shop	144.30
Postage & Envelopes	158.40
LaFord & Co.	64.89
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	\$ 943.72

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$ 4,800.00
Donald W. Lilly, Selectman & Assessor	\$ 100.00
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	600.00
Warren M. Chase, Selectman & Assessor	600.00
Linwood B. Lesure, Selectman & Assessor	500.00
Walter A. Whitney, Town Clerk & Treasurer	1,500.00
Clement R. Record, Tax Collector	600.00
Lester J. Robert, Fire Chief & Forest Warden	350.00
Roger E. Scott, School Committee	75.00
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	75.00
G. M. Phelps, School Committee	75.00

Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	15.00	
Harlan Nye, Moderator	5.00	
Norman Scott, Police	37.00	
Wilbert L. Rainville, Dog Officer	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,552.00
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 248.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$ 1,700.00
Janitor	\$ 568.00	
Fuel Oil	286.89	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	309.98	
H. A. Cranson & Son	65.00	
R. H. Nye	35.05	
Clean Plaque	90.00	
Repair Steps	85.00	
Paint Lower Hall	163.14	
Wirthmore	1.50	
Flag	9.50	
Ashfield Water Co.	15.00	
Tune Piano	7.50	
David Fuller	21.50	
Elmer's Store	7.04	
Inspection of Hall	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,690.10
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 9.90

PARK AND BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 25.40	
Wirthmore Stores	77.06	
Wm. C. Whitehouse	124.62	
Elmer's Store	11.50	
Edward Zagrubski	25.00	
Red Cross	20.60	
Harold Keyes	35.00	
ASGrow Seed	35.00	
Clark's Sport Shop	100.00	
Miscellaneous	24.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 478.45
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 21.55

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n	\$	8.00	
Mass. Collectors & Treasurers Ass'n		6.00	
Tri-State Mutual Aid		10.00	
Mass. Assessors Ass'n		12.00	
City & Town Clerk Ass'n		2.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Expenses		19.15	
Warren C. Chase, Expenses		41.20	
Linwood B. Lesure, Expenses		24.48	
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n.		20.00	
Franklin County Selectmen's Ass'n.		6.00	
Ashfield Water Co. (Curtiss Trough)		15.00	
Recorder-Gazette (Adv.)		17.25	
Legal Fees		75.00	
Magistrate Fees		2.25	
Return of Vital Statistics		35.00	
Typing		15.00	
Postage (Town History)		4.78	
Postage & Supplies		20.92	
Police Badges & Hats		160.72	
Burrough's Corp.		11.00	
Sewer Brook		22.20	
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		\$	527.95
Unexpended Balance		\$	72.05

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Unexpended Balance January 1, 1965			78.80
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		\$	178.80
Commonwealth of Mass.	\$	17.65	
Martin Trucking Co.		10.58	
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		\$	28.23
Unexpended Balance		\$	150.57

BICENTENNIAL

Appropriation — 1964		\$	2,431.50
Appropriation — 1965			1,000.00
Gifts & Earnings			3,541.53
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		\$	6,973.03
Insurance	\$	206.00	
Pease Costume Co.		38.30	
Meals		189.10	

Sanitation Control	500.00	
Florence Smith	27.50	
Maria Gregoire	32.50	
Prizes	170.00	
Hired Bands & Buses	1,524.50	
Tune Piano	11.00	
Hats - Parade	30.00	
Packard, Sawyer, Watters & Bell	30.00	
Ashfield Police Ass'n.	100.00	
Recorder-Gazette	18.08	
Ray Beauchamp	163.40	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	40.28	
Miscellaneous	98.97	
E. A. Hall Co.	1,063.72	
Russel Badge Mfg. Co.	47.06	
Earl L. Green	35.00	
Waste Printing House	30.90	
Davenport Lumber Co.	129.44	
Print Shop	50.50	
Supplies	85.42	
Bunting	15.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,637.17
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 2,335.86

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		444.15
		<hr/> \$ 844.15
Labor	\$ 501.45	
Wallace Stroheker — Sand	112.70	
C. W. Ward, Inc. — Bulldozer	130.00	
Margaret Dean	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 844.15

AMBULANCE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 1,045.99
Lester Roberts	\$ 10.45	
General Electric Co.	375.00	
G. L. Merriam Co.	47.10	
Bennetts Garage	97.23	
Norm's Service Station	8.12	
Doug & Jerry	29.84	
G. G. Henry — Insurance	331.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 898.99
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 147.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$	400.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			1.00
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		\$	401.00
Merritt B. Low, M.D.	\$	200.00	
Samuel Galbo, M.D.		25.00	
Mrs. Evelyn Osborne		80.00	
Mrs. Richard H. Thompson		96.00	
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		\$	401.00

TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE EXPENSE

Balance Brought Forward — 1964		\$	87.57
Typing	\$	57.00	
Postage, Tel. & Supplies		21.65	
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		\$	78.65
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Unexpended Balance		\$	8.92

TANK TRUCK — FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance Brought Forward — 1965		\$	108.96
Holyoke Auto Parts	\$	38.65	
Charles H. Clougherty, Inc.		70.31	
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		\$	108.96

RELIEF — TOWN

Appropriation March 9, 1965		\$	23,000.00
Appropriation December 1, 1965			4,500.00
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		\$	27,500.00
General Relief	\$	574.72	
Old Age Assistance		9,598.96	
Disability Assistance		6,398.68	
Aid to Dependent Children		3,679.57	
Medical Assistance to Aged		7,242.27	
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		\$	27,494.20
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Unexpended Balance		\$	5.80

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE — FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965		\$	149.57
Received During 1965			7,454.00
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		\$	7,603.57
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Expended	\$	7,010.57	
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		\$	7,010.57
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Balance December 31, 1965		\$	593.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN — FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965		\$	50.07
Received			2,403.00
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		\$	2,618.66
Expended	\$ 2,469.66		
	<hr/>	\$	2,469.99
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Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965		\$	149.00

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE — FEDERAL

Balance January 1, 1965		\$	50.07
Received			1,737.00
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		\$	1,787.07
Expended	\$ 1,591.40		
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Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965		\$	195.67

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGED

Balance January 1, 1965		\$	236.77
Received			7,283.37
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		\$	7,520.14
Expended	\$ 6,942.61		
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Unexpended Balance December 31, 1965		\$	577.53

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$	800.00
Mary P. Howes	\$ 186.71		
Gilbert Henry	187.00		
	<hr/>	\$	373.71
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Unexpended Balance		\$	426.29

NURSE

Appropriation		\$	1,650.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			23.45
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		\$	1,673.45
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Irene Lindsay, R.N.	\$ 656.23		
Carol Sluter, R.N.	583.32		
Mileage	342.40		
Town of Sunderland (rent)	60.00		
Telephone	24.00		

Supplies	5.50	
Stamps	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,673.45

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,295.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.		\$ 1,295.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 900.00
Raymond Sears	\$ 442.50	
George Heath	52.50	
John Meehan	236.50	
Edward Landers	26.00	
Cotton Tree Service	41.57	
Town Help	61.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 860.27
Unexpended Balance		\$ 39.73

REPAIR OF DIKE

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Wm. C. Whitehouse	\$ 350.00	
Robert C. Nye	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 500.00

FIRES AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriations		\$ 1,750.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		133.48
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		\$ 1,883.48
Fuel Oil	\$ 325.82	
New England Tel & Tel. Co.	282.05	
Supplies & Equipment	731.40	
Ashfield Water Co.	3.75	
Payroll	482.45	
Dinner Tickets	15.00	
Doug & Jerry	28.07	
Harry Pease	9.94	
Print Shop	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,883.48

LIFE GUARD AND SWIM INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$ 1,050.00
Charles Roberts	\$ 1,000.00	
Roger Reid	20.00	
Debbie Ebel	10.00	

Betsy Yetter	10.00	
Norene Pease	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,050.00

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,991.60
Expended		\$ 1,991.60

PAID VACATIONS

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		18.50
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		\$ 418.50

Linwood Williams	\$ 94.50	
Harvey Richmond	81.00	
Harold Stockwell	81.00	
John Tatro	81.00	
Freeman Whitehouse	81.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 418.50

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 160.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		21.65
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		\$ 181.65

F. H. Brown Co.	\$ 29.85	
Sanderson Academy Band	100.00	
Doris Flower Shop	16.80	
Ashfield American Legion Auxiliary	20.00	
McCloud Gun Shop	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 181.65

TOWN REPORTS AND BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		262.93
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		\$ 962.93
E. A. Hall & Co.		\$ 962.93

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
William R. Fitzgerald		\$ 150.00

INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Roger B. Scott		12.00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 38.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriations	\$	375.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	375.00

FIRE HOUSE ADDITION

Unexpended Balance December 31, 1964	\$	604.46
Transferred from Reserve Fund		141.52

\$ 745.98

Davenport Lumber Co.	\$	100.13
Falls Color Center		475.00
Town Help		24.00
Warner Bros.		33.60
John J. Hudson		17.00
Wirthmore Stores		6.09
Lester Roberts		15.16
Theodore Wolf		75.00
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	\$	745.98

BONDS

Appropriation	\$	254.00
Mary P. Howes	\$	254.00

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$	1,364.38
Mary P. Howes	\$	1,364.38

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$	175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Association	\$	175.00

ADMINISTRATION OF WELFARE

Appropriation	\$	345.00
Central Franklin Welfare District	\$	345.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$	3,800.00
Expended		2,760.80

Unexpended Balance \$ 1,039.20

ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$	75.00
Frederick Hillman	\$	16.50
Philip Damon		16.50
Kenneth Lilly		16.50
Leslie Guilford		16.50
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	\$	66.00

Unexpended Balance \$ 9.00

REGISTRARS

Appropriation		\$	100.00
June Fitzgerald	\$	20.00	
Philp Nolan, Jr.		20.00	
Nelson Graves		20.00	
Walter Whitney		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 100.00

STATE CENSUS

Appropriation		\$	200.00
Ralph Howes	\$	50.00	
Donald Lilly		50.00	
Warren Chase		50.00	
Walter Whitney		50.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 200.00

VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	888.00
Veterans' Service Center		\$	888.00

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus March 9, 1965		\$	2,000.00
Chapter 90M	\$	3.61	
Chapter 81		1.63	
Fire House Addition		141.52	
Board of Health		1.00	
Winter Roads		148.91	
Paid Vacations		18.50	
Fires and Equipment		133.48	
Office Expense		43.72	
Town Reports & Ballots		262.93	
Town Dump		444.15	
Memorial Day		21.65	
Nurse		23.45	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,244.55
Return To Overlay Surplus			<hr/>
			\$ 755.45

TOWN HISTORY

Appropriation — Fred Cross Fund 1964		\$	4,000.00
Printing	\$	3,504.75	
Copyright		4.00	
Mailing Envelopes		12.00	

Sales Promotion

7.50

\$ 3,528.25

Unexpended Balance

\$ 471.75

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1965

	<i>Taxation</i>	<i>Available Funds</i>
Tree Warden	\$ 900.00	
Board of Health	400.00	
Chapter 90	2,393.13	\$ 4,856.87
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,500.00	
Chapter 81	3,900.00	
Winter Roads	6,500.00	
Paid Vacations, Highway Dept.	400.00	
Town Dump	400.00	
Incidentals	600.00	
Fires and Equipment	1,750.00	
Town Hall	1,400.00	
Workmen's Compensation	1,364.38	
Bonds	254.00	
Office Expense	900.00	
Bridges and Railings	400.00	
Printing Town Reports and Ballots	700.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Inspection of Animals	150.00	
Inspection of Meats	50.00	
Elections	75.00	
Registrars	100.00	
State Census	200.00	
Town Officers	4,800.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings	800.00	
Street Lights	1,295.00	
Administration of Welfare	345.00	
General Relief	.....
Old Age Assistance	.....
Medical Aid For The Aged	23,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	.....
Disability Assistance	.....

Veterans' Benefits	3,800.00	
Veterans' Service Center, Maintenance	888.00	
County Retirement System, Maintenance	1,991.60	
Memorial Day	160.00	
Rent of Hydrants	375.00	
Park and Beach Maintenance	500.00	
Life Guard and Swimming Instruction	1,050.00	
Repair of Dike	500.00	
Machinery Expense Account - Transfer		
1964 Earnings (\$12,404.63)		
1963 Deficit (\$161.86)		\$ 12,242.77
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		2,000.00
Ambulance Maintenance Fund Transfer		
1964 Earnings and Gifts (\$245.00)		
1964 Balance (\$800.99)		1,045.99
Financing Highway Grants — Surplus Revenue		14,000.00
Ashfield Share — Nurse District	1,650.00	
Public and Vocational Schools	158,000.00	
Painting School (Cross Fund)		3,000.00
Regional School District, Operating Budget	1,657.37	
Civilian Defense	100.00	
Bicentennial Celebration		1,000.00
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Town Meeting March 9	\$226,423.48	\$ 38,145.63
Special Town Meeting December 1		
Town Hall		\$ 300.00
Welfare		4,500.00
Athol-Franklin Vocational School		136.26
Stabilization Fund		2,400.00
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Totals	\$226,423.48	\$ 45,481.89

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Town Hall	\$ 1,690.10
Town Officers	4,552.00
Office Expense	943.72
Incidentals	527.95
Machinery Expense Account	10,058.42
Winter Roads	6,648.91
Chapter 81 Roads	25,351.63
Chapter 822 (Pfersick Road)	4,184.67
Chapter 90 Road Construction	25,256.73
Chapter 90 Road Maintenance	7,503.61
Bridges and Railings	9.00
Park	478.45

Fires and Equipment	1,883.48
Street Lights	1,295.00
Excise Abatements	811.03
Old Age Assistance (Federal)	7,010.57
Old Age Assistance (Town)	9,598.96
Aid To Dependent Children (Federal)	2,469.66
Aid To Dependent Children (Town)	3,679.57
Disability Assistance (Federal))	1,591.40
Disability Assistance (Town)	6,398.68
Medical Aid To The Aged (Federal)	6,942.61
Medical Aid To The Aged (Town)	7,242.27
General Relief	574.72
Charity	664.25
Ashfield Share — Nurse	1,673.45
Withholding Tax (State)	1,743.04
Withholding Tax (Federal)	15,235.40
Retirement System	1,526.22
Blue Cross	2,241.50
Ambulance Fund	898.99
Dump	844.15
Veterans' Benefits	2,760.80
Life Guard	1,050.00
Demands	201.21
Election Officers	66.00
Bond	254.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,364.38
Town Reports & Ballots	962.93
Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center	888.00
Tree Warden	860.27
Memorial Day	181.65
Rent of Hydrants	375.00
Retirement System Maintenance	1,991.60
Fire Tank	108.96
Board of Health	401.00
Town History Committee	78.65
Fire House Addition	745.98
Franklin Welfare District Maintenance	345.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	373.71
School Addition Loan and Interest	2,220.00
Blacktop and Scrap Private Drive (Reimbursed)	882.75
Bicentennial Expense	4,637.17
Paid Vacations	418.50
County Tax	10,193.20
Inspection of Meats	12.00
Commonwealth of Mass. Excise Tax Bills	139.95
State Parks Tax	718.95
Mohawk Regional School District	1,657.37

Treasurer Franklin County (Dog Licenses)	393.00
Fred Cross Library Fund (Income)	200.00
M. M. Belding Jr., Library Fund (Income)	77.51
Income — Cemetery Fund	130.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Animal Inspection	150.00
Registrars of Voters	100.00
Dog Officer Expense	17.00
Real Estate Abatements	1,033.20
State Census	200.00
Repair of Dike	500.00
Town History	3,528.25
Civil Defense	28.23
Sale of Town Histories	1,928.28
Athol-Franklin County Regional School	136.26
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Total	\$204,015.90

RALPH L. HOWES
 WARREN M. CHASE
 LINWOOL B. LESURE
 Selectmen of Ashfield

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

Total Valuation	\$1,769,112.00
Rate of Taxation	84.00
Total Tax	148,605.41

	Non-Farm	Farm Animal Excise
Number Assessed of:		
Horses	30	41
Ponies	4	
Dairy Animals	26	1,218
Beef	—	12
Bulls and Steers	4	10
Oxen	8	4
Swine	2	—
Sheep	10	—
Goats	2	—
Donkeys	1	—
Fowl	100	2,964

Motor Vehicle Excise:

	Number	Tax
1964 Registrations assessed in 1965	141	\$ 2,207.91
1965 Registrations assessed in 1965	797	27,202.69
Rate of Taxation		66.00

Abatements:

Excise 1963 in 1965	1	81.20
Excise 1964 in 1965	30	379.12
Excise 1965 in 1965	84	1,675.93
Real Estate 1964 in 1965	1	151.70
Real Estate 1965 in 1965	47	7,264.85

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE
RALPH L. HOWES
LINWOOD B. LESURE

Assessors of Ashfield

REPORT OF THE BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1965 to January 1, 1966

RECEIPTS:

Cash Balance	\$ 2,394.70	
Belding Dividend	2,276.28	
M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund	75.03	
F. A. Cross Library Fund	187.50	
Fees and Fines	24.00	
Insurance Dividend	11.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,968.91

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and Services	\$ 1,090.96	
Books and Magazines	318.98	
Insurance	232.40	
Materials and Repairs	108.89	
Water	9.00	
Bank Deposit Box	3.00	
Fuel	301.74	
Telephone and Lights	215.97	
Desk Fund	10.00	
Internal Revenue Service	77.22	
Bicentennial Contribution	10.00	
Balance	2,590.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,968.91

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 1,500.25
Franklin County Trust Company	364.63
Franklin Savings Institution	338.64
Greenfield Savings Bank	2,896.71
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	657.18
Northampton Institution for Savings	935.68

MARY PRISCILLA HOWES, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

There was a marked increase in the circulation of children's books during 1965. The summer reading program planned by Mrs. Marianna Rowe of the Western Regional Library System was carried on during the summer. Several story hours were held during the year. One hundred forty State Reading Certificates were signed in June with fifty-six readers.

Two special exhibits were held. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson Reid loaned paintings, carvings, batiks, etc. from Indonesia. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Craft, Jr. loaned primitive carvings, fabrics, etc. which they brought back with them from Nigeria, Africa.

Mr. Charles C. Clare has added many books for the Anderson Library of Arts and Sciences given in memory of Mr. Herman Anderson. These books should be of interest to students.

Miss Hope Packard is weeding the adult non-fiction. This should give us more room on the shelves for new additions.

As part of the Western Regional Public Library System the bookmobile visits us now every six or seven weeks and many requests are filled.

May I express my appreciation to the trustees and to the custodian for the amount of time and effort given on behalf of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, Librarian

BOOKS ADDED TO BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN 1965

ADULT FICTION

Cadell	Canary Yellow
Caldwell.....	The late Clara Beane
Carroll	The road grows strange
Chase	A journey to Boston
Gerson	The slender reed
Howes	The happy land
Holt	The legend of the seventh virgin
Hudson	Green mansions
Marshall	The lost colony
Mercer	Beyond Bojador
Moore	The Sea Flower
Packer.....	Man in the mews
Sanford	The second Mrs. Wu
Seifert	Doctor Samaritan
Stewart	Airs above the ground
Stevenson	Marriage of Katherine
Whitney	Sea jade

ADULT NON-FICTION

Buck	Children for adoption
Chamberlain	Historic Deerfield
Cutler	Cancel my subscription, please
Farr	Margaret Mitchell of Atlanta
Gibbons	Stalking the wild asparagus
Healy	Charlemont
	History of Ashfield, Vol. 2
Klass	Every one in this house makes babies
Lincoln	My twelve years with John Kennedy
Lord and Foley	The folk arts and crafts of New England
Mac Leish	The Eleanor Roosevelt Story
Mendelsohn	The forest calls back
Rich	State of Maine
Robinson	Give my heart
Sloane	ABC of early Americana
Sloane	Reverence for wood
Stone	Those who love
Taylor	Hunza health secrets
Tharp	Mrs. Jack
Underhill	Creating hooked rugs
White	America at last
Varble	Jane Clemens
Zolotov	Stage struck

YOUTH FICTION

Duncan	Season of the two heart
Friermood	Doc Dudley's daughter
Hall	Hatful of gold
Hunt	Beggar's daughter
Ladd	Ironbound island
Lawrence	Girl in witches' hill
Leitch	Last summer to ride
Means	It takes all kinds
Miller	Kirsti
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Ogilvie	Masquerade at sea house
Peyton	The world so fair
Robinson	Bright island
Turngren	Mystery enters the hospital
White	The survivor
Whitney	Mystery of the angry idol
Walden	The spy on danger island

YOUTH NON FICTION

Kyle	The Swedish Nightingale
Kyle	Girl with a pen

JUNIOR FICTION

Anderson	The ugly duckling
Benedict	Canal boat mystery
Bendick	A horse named Summer
Boegehold	Three to get ready
Calhoun	The house of thirty cats
De Regniers.....	May I bring a friend
Emery	A spy in old Westport
Fisher	Listen rabbit
Fitzhugh	Harret the spy
Flory	Tune for the towpath
Forbes	Tawny's trick
Gottlieb	Secret of the unicorn
Grimm	Snow White and red rose
Hoban	The story of Hester mouse
Holberg	Rowena Carey
Keats	Whistle for Willie
La Fontaine	The lion and the rat
Shemin	The little riders
Smith	Shoon
Thum	Treasure of Crazy Quilt Farm
Watson	Sugar on snow
Williams	The hill house
Wooley	Libby looks for a spy

York	The doll in the bakeshop
Zion	Harry by the sea

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Lawrence	Drummeats in Williamburg
Tregaskis	P. T. 109

THE ANDERSON LIBRARY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Allen	Our wild life legacy
Allen	Stalking birds with color camera
Barnett	The wonders of life on earth
Bates	South America, land and wildlife
Beiser	The earth
Bergamini	The Universe
Bergamini	Australia
Bisset	Tramps and ladies
Bourliere	Eurasia
Buchsbaum	Animals without backbones
Camp	The world in your garden
Carlson	Flowering Cactus
Carr	The reptiles
Carr	Africa, life and wildlife
Carrington	A biography of the sea
Carrington	Elephants
Cousteau	The living sea
Culp	Bright feathers
Dowman	Round the Swedish year
Engel	The sea
Farb	Insects
Farb	The forest
Getlein	The bite of the print
Gleason	The natural geography of plants
Grout	A history of modern music
Kuehl	Blow the man down
Kursh	Cobras in his garden
Lane	Life with Ionides
Le Gorce	Book of fishes
Leopold	The Desert
Ley	The poles
Life	Epic of man
Lord	Care of the earth
Mathieson	Wild life in America
Milne	The Mountains
Moorehead	The White Nile
Mountfort	Portrait of Desert

Ommanmez	The fishes
Peterson	The birds
Peterson	Silently by night
Pounds	The earth and you
Richardson	The fascinating world of Astronomy
Sherman	Spring on an arctic isle
Scull	Great ships around the world
Segestaat	Modern Scandinavian furniture
Smith	When the lion feeds
Teale	Wandering through winter
Teale	Wandering through spring
Tinbergen	Animal behavior
Went	The plants

GIFTS

	Ashfield Bicentennial
Becker	A covenant with death
	Boy Scout handbook
Dept. of Agriculture	The farmer's world
Gallico	The hands of Mary Constable
Howe	We happy few
Partridge	As we were
Read	Over the gate
Schlesinger	A thousand days
Smith	Boys of the border
Shute	In the wet
Slaughter	The purple quest
Smith	The new moon with the old
Thane	The lost general
Wouk	Young blood hawke

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ashfield, Sunderland, and Whately:

Three meetings were held — one in April in Ashfield, one in May in Whately, and one in November in Sunderland.

At the April meeting new officers were elected — Mrs. Verna Field of Ashfield, Chairman; Mrs. Blanche Parzick of Whately, Secretary; Mrs. T. L. Warner, Vice-chairman in Sunderland; and Mrs. Vesta Canney, Vice-chairman in Whately.

At this meeting the resignation of Mrs. Irene Lindsay, effective in July, as nurse of this district was accepted with regret. We extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Lindsay for her very efficient work.

At the meeting in May, two applications for the position as nurse were reviewed. Mrs. Carol Sluter of Whately, now of Ashfield, was hired to begin her duties in July.

Mrs. Sluter was nurse for this district in 1956 and 1957; and she substituted for us in 1960. We welcome her back.

Also at this meeting, Mrs. Helen Ranney of Ashfield was introduced as a new member. She succeeds Mr. Leslie Guilford, who resigned after ten years of faithful service.

At the meeting in November, routine business was discussed. It was voted to raise the fee for patient visits to \$1.75. This will bring the charge more in line with the fee we may be required to charge when Medicare goes into effect.

There will be no increase in the annual budget this year.

I wish to extend my thanks to all who have helped make this health program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNA FIELD

Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

It is with pleasure I submit my first annual report as District Nurse for the Towns of Ashfield, Sunderland and Whately.

School enrollment and home nursing visits have both increased this year.

Immunization clinics and a well-child conference were held. The diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio immunizations were administered by Dr. Samuel Galbo in April. The well-child conference in July with Dr. Merritt Low, attending pediatrician, Mrs. Richard Thompson, nutritionist, Mrs. Osborne, dental hygienist and Carol Sluter, R.N., was successful. Ninety children were examined.

The annual hearing and vision testing, weighing and measuring and school physical examinations were completed. Dr. Samuel Galbo examined 182 students. Notices are sent home in cases of irregularities. Conferences with the teachers in school and parents at home are of great value in understanding the individual child, both physically and emotionally.

Registration of first graders in May gave the nurse an opportunity to meet the parents and obtain health information. Two children were selected from each town to attend Greenfield Health Camp. Transportation was provided when necessary.

Community resources such as the Franklin County Mental Health Center, the Speech Clinic at the University of Massachusetts, the crippled children's and Pediatric clinic at the Franklin County Public Hospital. The Salvation Army and local Board of Health were used to advantage in many cases.

Educational in service meetings were attended regularly. They proved to be a valuable source of information and help in giving a more efficient performance of duties.

Summary:	1964	1965
Home Nursing Visits	281	306
Mileage Costs	\$239.75	\$374.16
Income	\$176.25	\$125.00
School Enrollment	300	313
School Visits	97	60

I am deeply grateful to all in this community who have assisted me in the health program.

CAROL I. SLUTER, R.N.

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

The Ashfield Ambulance made 45 calls during 1965. It would not be fair to thank just the men and women who went on these calls. Thanks go also to those who did the telephoning, those who stopped when passing to help load a patient, those who dusted the ambulance, checked battery, gas and supplies. Also for Shelburne Falls Modern Laundry for doing our laundry free of charge.

This year from accumulated funds, a two-way radio was installed. This has proven its worth several times already.

Ambulance service is free to all Ashfield residents. It is run on a volunteer basis. Contributions from friends and a fee to out-of-town residents keep the ambulance self-supporting.

Receipts and expenditures of the year 1965 will be found elsewhere in this Town Report.

Respectively submitted,

LESLIE H. GUILFORD, Clerk

CENTRAL FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

Balance January 1, 1965 \$ 11,291.16

RECEIPTS:

Town of Shelburne	\$ 780.00
Town of Colrain	375.00
Town of Ashfield	345.00
Administration O.A.A. Federal	2,407.10
Administration A.D.C. Federal	1,847.01
Administration D.A. Federal	1,036.10
Administration M.A.A. Federal	1,857.33
Administration State	4,206.38
Retirement Deductions	521.04
Federal Withholding Deductions	1,539.88
State Withholding Deductions	161.56
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	\$ 15,076.40
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Total	\$ 26,367.56

PAYMENTS:

Salaries	\$ 10,419.76
O. E. Wood, Treasurer	100.00
Dr. Francis Cary, Medical Adv.	120.00
Travel	84.48
Office Supplies and Expenses	879.87
Retirement Assessment	715.40
Rent	420.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	1,539.88
State Withholding Taxes	156.72
County Retirement	521.04
Total Payments	<hr/>
	\$ 14,957.15

Balance December 31, 1965 \$ 11,410.41

Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 1965	\$ 11,893.59
Checks Outstanding Dec. 31, 1965	483.18
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Check Book Balance Dec. 31, 1964	\$ 11,410.41

OLIVE E. Wood, Treasurer

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield:

Herewith is my First Annual Report of Activities as Director, Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center.

Office contacts for the year numbered 2185 with the following breakdown of services rendered.

Hospital care and/or Out Patient Treatment	55
Assistance in preparing Pension Applications	62
Annual Income Reports (assistance)	32
Request for Photostatic Copies	113
Photostatic Copies made	1,112
Registration for Selective Service	44

We have knowledge of twenty seven young men from the towns comprising the District who have entered the Armed Forces during the past year.

Veterans files of the District continue to grow, we now have 2,-136 folders on Veterans from the Ten Town District.

Our public assistance program or veterans' benefits, furnished financial aid to 23 families with a total of 41 persons involved. Of this total, we received and processed 8 new applications. Towns comprising the District expended \$22,806.87 for this aid. The towns are reimbursed by the state, fifty per cent (50%) for Town Settled cases and one hundred per cent (100%) for State Settled cases.

The 1965 District Maintenance and Operating budget was established at \$8,880 and of this a total of \$8,240.92 was expended.

Credit for the majority of the accomplishments reported above must be given to Mr. Robert E. Scott, my predecessor, who retired on November 30, 1965 after serving the District honorably for more than 20 years. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing Bob the best of everything in his much earned retirement.

My thanks to the District Committee for there guidance and cooperation during the short period that I have served as Director.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT H. RECORD

Director and Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the citizens of the Town of Ashfield, I herewith submit my report as Fire Chief.

We were very fortunate again this past year, having so few fires in a dry season. It can only be credited to the carefulness and thoughtfulness of the Townspeople.

We had twenty-three calls, several of these were chimney fires and building fires. Some of the building fires could have been more serious had it not been for the immediate response of the men when a fire call came in. I feel that the new tanker has played a big part in quick suppression of these fires. It has lived up to all expectations.

The new addition to the Firehouse is completed, both inside and out; plus painting the entire outside of the building.

I would like to thank my Firemen and the Townspeople for their support and for everything that has been done.

This year I hope to add some much needed small equipment such as Scott Air Packs for entering smoke-filled buildings, some new nozzles, and perhaps an auxiliary light plant.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER J. ROBERTS, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

I would like to submit a report on our newly organized police association.

This association was officially organized on August 1st, 1965 as the result of a plea for police officers for the Ashfield Bicentennial celebration on July 4th, 1965. All its present members are the men who volunteered their services in behalf of this celebration.

Our association consists of fourteen men who uniformed themselves, except for a donation from the Bicentennial planning committee to purchase caps and emblems and the town buying the breast badges.

During the Bicentennial we had officers on duty at two different square dances and taking shifts patrolling and keeping check on the exhibits at Sanderson Academy and the Ashfield Historical Society from dark until daylight on July 1st through July 5th. On July 4th all hands were directing traffic and parking cars in many places throughout the town.

During August and September we had the task of supplying police protection for Elizabeth and Richard Burton, with three men on duty twenty-four hours a day with fill-in by the Northampton Police where we could not fill the gap.

In August also we went to Charlemont to assist their police department during their Bicentennial Celebration.

In the years before the organization of this Association there has been a Constable at every High School and Scout dance and at every High School basketball game.

On many occasions we have assisted the state police at accidents, answered many calls to family feuds, and handled problems and miscellaneous happenings too numerous to mention.

It is the aim of this Association to work closely with and for the benefit of our young people, for the purpose of keeping this town a good one for them to live in years to come, or be proud enough to return to later in life.

It is also our aim to go to the aid of anyone who feels that we can in any way be of help to them.

It is not our aim to grow big, so to speak, but to grow as our town grows.

Many of our meetings will be open to the townspeople, and it is our intention to have lectures, discussions and educational films in regard to law and public safety which should be of great value and interest to everyone.

Hoping to serve you well in the coming years, we remain your Ashfield Police Association. Organized August 1, 1965, and ruled by by-laws adopted September 21st, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN C. SCOTT,
Acting Chief of Police

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS AND YOU

Neither you nor I believe it will ever happen here. Probably not, but just in case some irresponsible dictator runs amuck, what could we do at home to preserve life?

Detonations would probably occur at considerable distances from Ashfield. However, first degree burns could occur up to 5 miles from little bombs, and to 30 miles from big ones, and eye injury much farther. Don't look. JUMP BEHIND ANYTHING. FALL ON YOUR FACE AND COVER BACK OF NECK WITH HANDS.

Our greater danger would occur from the deadly gamma rays emitted from fallout. Dust and dirt will accompany the radio active material. Little danger exists until it can be seen falling. This may occur an hour or more after the blast.

— The intensity of the rays is measured in roentgens. If exposed to 600 roentgens for one hour (or 300 for two hours; 100 for six hours, etc.) all would die within a few weeks. On the same basis the effects of 50 roentgens would hardly be noticed; 100 nausea and vomiting by some, and 300 — some deaths.

What can we do? Stay indoor and proceed as usual — the intensity would be reduced by one half. In the center of the basement, the intensity would be reduced to one-tenth of that outside. Near the basement wall, and low down, the intensity would be reduced to about one twentieth. Protection of the walls and the soil outside, and distance from the dust, are factors. The rays travel in straight lines with the speed of light, and like light, they spread and become less intensive in proportion to the square of the distance. At 10 feet the intensity would be only one hundred that at 1 foot. In this protected corner of the floor and wall, the rays from the ground nearby would go harmlessly over your head; and those from the ground outside the other walls and from the dust on the roof would be the maximum distance away.

Time is a factor also. Seven hours after the blast, the quantity of rays will have reduced to 1/10th of original strength; after 49 hours to 1/100th, and after 7 x 49 or 343 hours (about 2 weeks) to 1/1000th.

How will we know the intensity? Steady information and advice will come over the radio from well protected underground Civil Defense Headquarters. If power is off, a battery operated radio will be essential. It is the only prearranged necessity mentioned so far.

The investment of a couple of hundred dollars or much less with Yankee ingenuity and home labor would provide a basement shelter to eliminate 99/100th of the deadly rays. If the need arises how we will wish we had made this provision. This writer has the radio but not the shelter so far.

What can one eat and drink? Neither food nor water is injured by gamma rays — only living tissue. Food in cans or protected by plastic bags or anything to keep the dust from the food will give full protection. If dust could fall on the source of your water supply, draw an adequate supply before the dust arrives. Use it to drink or to wash dust from the skin, if necessary. Otherwise cleanliness will be of secondary importance. Whether your food is cooked or raw, hot or cold, will depend upon arrangements that you can make available. Endure all sorts of inconveniences necessary for protection from those deadly rays. You may need this protection for days.

Ashfield and other towns are fully equipped with instruments for measuring the radioactive intensity. Also we have a two way radio for transmission of our measurements to Civil Defense Headquarters and to receive information and advice in return. We need emergency power equipment to insure continuity of operations in case of power failure. These data, compiled for the area, will be the basis for the flow of information and advice available to you over the radio as to the degree of danger existing in this area. Limited food supplies and water containers, supplied by the Federal Government, have been stored in the library basement. Consideration is being given to improving the Town Hall basement for greater protection.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. BARNES

Civilian Defense Committee

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

Belding Memorial Park had one of its largest overall attendance in many years during 1965. This could be due to the bicentennial or the fact that with improvements that have been made and features added the townspeople find it well worth attending. The following plans were completed. The boys' bathhouse was painted with the senior scouts under the direction of Mrs. Norm Scott doing the work. A new sign was erected just before the bicentennial with the name of the park on it. Lights were installed on the tennis courts and not only gave tennis players extra hours for their sport but has been a

boon all winter for skaters. Clifton Pease again this year made a skating rink out of the tennis courts, lining it in plastic this season. Walt Tirrell and Don Lesure also have assisted with the rink. Many favorable comments have been made about the rink and the lights, and the almost year around usability of the Park. New tennis court nets have been purchased and will be put up in the Spring. More improvements are planned in the future for the tennis courts.

Emergency repairs were made on the dike and further investigation is being done in reference to repairs. New toilet facilities are being considered. The girls bathhouse will be painted this summer with the same group rendering their able assistance. An additional sign will be erected and a new entrance to the beach will be constructed this year. The Life Guard tower is in the process of being constructed.

There was no Water Carnival this year due to the bicentennial activities. The town beach opened officially Saturday June 12 and closed on Tuesday, September 7. There were no serious accidents or near drownings due to very close supervision and absolute compliance with beach safety regulations. 163 pupils were enrolled for the free Red Cross Swimming and Life Saving lessons. 139 pupils received cards of satisfactory progress or certificates. A spot attendance check was made at various times and on numerous occasions it exceeded over 175 people making use of the beach at one time.

The president's physical fitness program took the form of the 50-mile swim. It has been well attended with 56 swimmers enrolled in the program and three people completing the swim. Many others have completed a portion of the program ranging from 10-40 miles.

The Park Commissioners thank all the townspeople for their co-operation, help and suggestions throughout the year to make the park a better place for recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE
NORMAN SCOTT
WALTER ZALENSKI

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This seems to be the logical time and place for the Bicentennial Committee to make a final report concerning the celebration by Our Town of its two hundredth birthday.

Perhaps it was merciful that the general committee, Archibald Aitken, Leslie Guilford, Norman Harris, Harlan Nye and Raymond Reniff, who were named by Moderator Lesure in 1963, were not fully aware of what lay before them. Fortunately by the time the magnitude of the project became evident many other willing and capable committees had been recruited.

In the 1964 Town Report we expressed the belief that we had put together a winning combination of folks that could produce a celebration with which Our Town would be well satisfied. Events confirmed this expression of faith and we in Ashfield should never cease being proud and grateful to be a part of a community which united as one big family when the need was evident or let us say "when the chips were down". There were hours of work and worry but every one involved must now have a feeling of satisfaction for having had a part in the big event of 1965. Our Town's team work has won much favorable comment from our Franklin County neighbors.

In recalling the more spectacular events we should not overlook the significance of the special exhibits that were shown at the Consolidated School, the Libraries and the Historical Society's Building. Many hours went into assembling these displays which very effectively showed the amazing abilities of Our Town's artists, hobbyists and artisans. Further evidence of artistry, ingenuity and resourcefulness appeared in the Ashfield entries in the parade. The Queen's float with its exact replica of our townhall steeple was the crowning achievement. It represented literally hundreds of hours of labor by more than a dozen people.

In our report appearing in the 1963 Town Report we promised that as far as practical the Bicentennial would be financially self-sustaining. To give us operating funds \$2,500.00 was voted at the 1964 Town Meeting and an additional \$1,000.00 at the 1965 Town Meeting — total \$3,500.00. Income from various sources amounted to \$3,541.53. Total expense was \$4,705.67. The difference of \$1,164.14 was taken from the \$3,500.00 appropriation, thus allowing the \$2,335.83 unused balance to revert to free cash. Elsewhere in this Town Report you will find a breakdown of the income and expense figures.

Much work and planning went into the undertakings that produced the greater part of the above mentioned income, notably the

Grand Ball, the Pageant and the Souvenir Pamphlet. The people responsible are to be commended for jobs well done.

It would not be practical or even possible in a report of this nature to name and thank everyone who contributed time and effort toward the success of our Bicentennial Celebration. All that we of the General Committee can do is to express our complete and everlasting gratitude to you people (and that included about everybody in Ashfield) for giving us your unfailing cooperation and never refusing to lend an able and willing hand when asked.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE H. GUILFORD

Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

Work done by the Tree Department in 1965 included trimming, cabling and tree removals. Again no spraying was necessary which enabled more work to be done on tree maintenance.

A total of sixty-nine hours was spent trimming trees, thirty hours cabling trees and one hundred and twenty-three hours removing dead and dangerous trees.

The maple situation around town is not improving due to another dry year and also from not having pruning nor cabling done to them for quite some time.

This year a concentrated effort will be aimed at restoring the specimen maples which dominate our streets in Ashfield. This will be done by removing dead limbs, pruning away undesirable limbs, cabling, and fertilizing those in the poorest condition. Also more trees will be planted to replace those that have been removed.

I have been very pleased with the interest people have shown concerning the welfare of their trees and I hope to be able to eventually satisfy all of those who know the importance of healthy and well cared for shade trees in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS

Tree Warden

JURY LIST

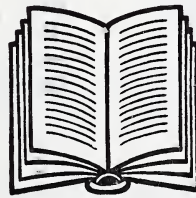
Broadhurst, Jennie S.	Housewife
Chase, Warren M.	Retired
Clark, Malcolm S.	Farmer
Graves, Frederick H., Jr.	Machinist
Gray, Dorothy	Retired
Hall, Wesley L.	Shovel Operator
Hancock, C. Thomas	Unemployed
Lanoue, Nelson S.	Retired
Lilly, Donald W.	Farmer
Mislak, Daisy G.	Housewife
Pella, Walter	Manager
Phelps, Hester B.	Housewife
Pickhardt, C. Fowler	Retired
Reeves, Grace E.	Housewife

ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT

Town of ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1965

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1966

Winter term began January 3, 1966

Vacation week February 18th to February 28th

Vacation week April 19th

School year ends June 17, 1966

School year begins September 7, 1966

Fall Term ends December 23, 1966

Winter term begins January 3, 1967

School is closed for all Legal Holidays

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

W H A I — Greenfield

W H M P — Northampton

W T I C — Hartford, Connecticut

The fire signal for "NO SCHOOL" will be one long blast at approximately 7:30 A.M.

SCHOOL CENSUS

AGES	5 - 7	7 - 14	14 - 16	Total
BOYS	12	103	21	136
GIRLS	17	92	15	124
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Total In School	29	195	36	260
Total in School in other Towns	1	1	3	5
At Home		1		
Pre-School	20			
Pupils 7 - 16 years			236	
Pupils over 16 in school in town			33	
Pupils over 16 in school out of town			8	

The Report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the Report of the Ashfield School Committee.

DOROTHY CRAFT, Chairman
GOUVERNEUR PHELPS, JR.
ROGER SCOTT

APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT
Of The Ashfield Public Schools — 1966

	1965 <i>Appropriation</i>	1965 <i>Expenditure</i>	1966 <i>Appropriation</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Expense	\$	\$ 5.00	\$
Superintendent			
Salary and Travel	4,072.38	4,070.82	4,270.82
Secretary	1,466.00	1,466.00	1,666.00
Office Expense	280.00	252.53	330.00
Office Utilities, Rent and Fuel	500.00	481.15	510.00
INSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION, AND ADMINISTRATION:			
Principal's Salary and Travel	6,216.98	6,223.91	7,290.46
Principal's Office Expense	150.00	159.23	180.00
Assistant Principal's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
INSTRUCTION, TEACHING:			
Salaries	92,331.25	92,499.84	101,785.34
Supervisors	3,498.61	3,357.03	3,159.16
Substitutes	750.00	1,115.00	1,100.00
SUPPLIES:			
Elementary and High School	1,770.00	1,971.06	2,022.00
Graduation	100.00	98.46	105.00
Express and Cartage	100.00	52.22	60.00
Advertising	50.00	30.56	20.00
TEXTBOOK PROGRAM:			
Elementary and High School	1,900.00	1,848.90	1,600.00
Express and Cartage	175.00	62.96	75.00
LIBRARY SERVICE:			
Books, Magazines and Papers	200.00	141.75	200.00
Audio-Visual Materials	75.00	407.50	25.00
GUIDANCE:			
Office Expense			125.00
Tests and Supplies	350.00	129.78	75.00
ATTENDANCE:			
School Adjustment Counsellor,			
Salary and travel	3,297.02	3,277.02	3,420.00
School Adjustment Counsellor,			
Supplies	20.00	7.80	20.00

HEALTH SUPPLIES:

Doctor's Salary	250.00	182.00	200.00
Nurse's Supplies	25.00	.....	25.00
School Audiometer	235.20	235.20	.....

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION — BUS CONTRACTS

Elementary	6,907.50	6,994.25	7,075.00
High School	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

Sports Equipment	1,125.00	720.26	700.00
Bus Transportation	1,390.00	620.00	1,300.00

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Custodial Service	4,460.00	4,938.59	5,722.00
Fuel	3,365.00	3,381.05	3,300.00
Water	250.00	245.70	250.00
Electricity	1,450.00	1,586.33	1,250.00
Telephone	360.00	335.25	325.00
Custodial Supplies	750.00	559.44	600.00

MAINTENANCE:

School Maintenance	3,100.00	1,819.73	1,900.00
Custodial Truck	305.00	377.81	305.00
Snow Removal	400.00	254.00	400.00

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY:

N.D.E.A. — P.L. 85-864	345.76	362.00	200.00
New Equipment	50.00	59.95	400.00

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:

Transportation —			
Elementary out of town	100.80	189.00	723.72
Transportation — Vocational	4,564.50	4,419.20	4,320.00
Tuition —			
Elementary out of town	184.00	237.75	1,085.50
Tuition — Vocational	5,880.00	5,667.54	5,800.00
Other or Adult Tuition	100.00	52.00	100.00

Totals	\$158,000.00	\$155,995.57	\$169,120.00
Unexpended Balance		2,004.43	
Totals	\$158,000.00	\$158,000.00	\$169,120.00

ESTIMATED INCOME 1966

School Department — Town of Ashfield

1966 APPROPRIATION \$169,120.00

1966 ANTICIPATED INCOME:

School Aid	\$ 20,072.65
State Reimbursement for Transportation	10,762.00
State Reimbursement for Salary and Transportation of Superintendent, 1966	2,693.32
Vocational Transportation and Tuition	5,376.32
State Wards — Tuition and Transportation	1,593.75

Tuition and Transportation from other towns:

Buckland-Shelburne Regional	672.50
Buckland	511.25
Conway	338.00

Tuition from Other towns:

Plainfield	9,684.40
Goshen	550.00
Mrs. James Murphy	260.56
Dog Tax	297.04
Special Class	3,064.43
School Adjustment Counsellor, 1966	1,800.00
School Adjustment Counsellor, 1965	1,800.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 59,476.22
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Anticipated Net Cost from Local Taxation	\$109,643.78
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INCOME — 1965

Appropriation \$158,000.00

School Aid	\$ 20,005.64
State Reimbursement for Transportation 1965	9,733.18
Vocational Transportation and Tuition	3,587.14
State Wards — Tuition and Transportation	2,076.65

Tuition and Transportation from other towns:

Buckland	518.31
Buckland-Shelburne Regional	402.80
Conway	370.40

Tuition from other towns:

Plainfield	4,223.04
Goshen	385.00
Mrs. James Murphy	189.44
Dog Tax	324.29
Special Class	3,132.94

State Reimbursement for Salary and Transportation of Superintendent, 1964	1,972.36	
State Reimbursement for Salary and Transportation of Superintendent, 1965	2,694.36	
Unexpended Balance	2,004.43	
Local Taxation	106,380.02	
		<u>\$158,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Expenses		\$ 5.00
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salary	\$ 3,830.82	
Travel	240.00	
Office Clerk	1,466.00	
Office Expense	252.53	
Office Utilities, Rent and Fuel	481.15	
		<u>\$ 6,270.50</u>

INSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION AND ADMINISTRATION:

Salary: Richard Dragon, Principal		
Elementary	\$ 4,110.95	
High School	2,055.95	
		<u>\$ 6,166.90</u>
Louise Sears, Assistant Principal		100.00
Principal's Office Expense		59.23
Dues — New England Assoc. Colleges & Secondary Schools		100.00
Travel		57.01

INSTRUCTION TEACHING, ELEMENTARY and HIGH SCHOOL:

Elementary		
Ann Palin	\$ 4,603.86	
Vivien Fuller	5,903.86	
Margaret Schneider	5,553.86	
Rachel Manners	5,278.86	
Charles Taylor	1,324.09	
Dorothy Cleveland	2,559.15	
Nancy Dole	1,538.60	
Katherine Porrovecchio	4,700.00	
Mary Dole	5,728.86	
Robert Small	4,653.86	
Ronald Kendrick	1,538.60	
Mary Hall	5,303.86	
Carol Pepyne	3,028.73	

Gladys Howes	2,689.43	
Dorothy Taylor	270.00	
Norman Pike	84.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 54,759.62
Supervisors:		
Sally Lawton	\$ 1,045.59	
Roberta Cowell	1,212.39	
Arch Swift	346.14	
Robert Small	76.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,681.01
Substitutes:		
Janet Gallagher	\$ 15.00	
Ruth Law	120.00	
Ruth Rice	75.00	
Ruth Roberts	75.00	
Bernice Scott	100.00	
Dorothy Taylor	210.00	
Elizabeth Van Guilder	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 610.00
High School:		
George Gamache	\$ 6,023.86	
Louise Sears	6,003.86	
Charles Buck	6,465.52	
Raymond Bender	5,478.86	
William Welch	5,237.18	
Hilarione Williston	4,953.86	
Gladys Howes	2,689.43	
Ruth Rice	887.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 37,740.22
Supervisors:		
Sally Lawton	\$ 117.39	
Roberta Cowell	135.52	
Arch Swift	346.14	
Robert Small	76.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 676.02
Substitutes:		
Janet Gallagher	\$ 60.00	
Ruth Law	15.00	
Ruth Rice	135.00	
Bernice Scott	100.00	
Elizabeth Van Guilder	30.00	
Dorothy Taylor	90.00	
Dorothy Townsley	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 505.00

SUPPLIES:**Elementary**

Supplies	\$ 770.90	
Express and Cartage	28.92	
Art	5.25	
Music	34.75	
Commencement	22.93	
Maps and Globes	36.00	
Magazines	128.44	
Advertising	17.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,044.93

High School:

Supplies	\$ 439.59	
Science	92.86	
Art	11.67	
Maps and Globes	54.25	
Commencement	75.53	
Express and Cartage	23.30	
Home Economics	124.88	
Chorus	97.47	
Advertising	12.82	
Magazines	175.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,107.37

TEXTBOOK ROGRAMS:**Elementary:**

Textbooks	\$ 1,002.19	
Express and Cartage	34.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,036.24

High School:

Textbooks	\$ 846.71	
Express and Cartage	28.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 875.62

LIBRARY SERVICE:**Elementary Books —**

Magazines and Papers	\$ 69.12	
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High School Books —

Magazines and Papers	72.63	
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Audio Visual Materials	407.50	
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\$ 549.25

GUIDANCE:

Tests — Elementary	\$ 117.78	
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Tests — High School	12.00	
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\$ 129.78

ATTENDANCE:

Salary, School Adjustment Counsellor	\$ 3,117.02	
Travel, School Adjustment Counsellor	160.00	
Supplies, School Adjustment Counsellor	7.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,284.82

HEALTH SERVICES:

Doctor's Salary	\$ 182.00	
School Audiometer and Earphones	235.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 417.20

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:

Bus Contracts:		
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 10,465.00	
Russell Loomis	1,529.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,994.25

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS:

High School Sports Equipment:

Bennett's Garage	\$ 14.00	
New York Athletic Supply Co.	49.66	
Frontier Regional School	8.00	
Marks-Savage, Inc.	252.57	
Nixon Co.	41.14	
Sanderson Academy	13.78	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	105.70	
George Gamache	4.00	
William Welch	5.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 494.25

Elementary Sports Equipment:

New York Athletic Supply Co.	\$ 9.49	
Marks-Savage Inc.	155.50	
Nixon Co.	20.57	
Diges & Clust	40.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 226.01

Bus Transportation for Athletics, Band, Field Trips

C. W. Ward, Inc.		
Athletics and Band	\$ 565.00	
Field Trips	55.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 620.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Custodian's Salary		\$ 3,650.00
Custodian's Helpers:		
Robert Bardwell	\$ 70.50	
Warren Kirkpatrick	423.61	
LuAllen Chadwick	696.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,190.59

Custodian's Extra Nights	98.00
Fuel	3,381.05
Water	245.70
Electricity	1,586.33
Telephone	335.25

Custodian Supplies:

Edward L. Cantor, Inc.	\$ 448.75	
Day's Store	4.85	
Fall's Color Center	39.30	
Sanderson Academy	2.50	
Willis Thayer	41.60	
Wirthmore Stores	21.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 559.44

MAINTENANCE:

Elementary:

Bailey Audio Visual Service	\$ 24.52	
Town of Ashfield	34.32	
Bennett's Garage	38.21	
Cascade Paper Co.	60.90	
Charles H. Clougherty Co.	83.87	
Commissioner of Public Safety	6.64	
George V. Corsiglia Co., Inc.	37.36	
H. A. Cranson & Son	2.99	
H. L. Dempsey Co., Inc.	23.32	
William Gray	59.47	
O. I. Hayes	24.83	
Johnson Service Co.	67.66	
Keyes Hardware	26.56	
Robert E. Nye	176.56	
Ralph S. Pease	12.50	
Roger Pollen	221.55	
Sanderson Academy	11.22	
Steven's Electric Co.	12.97	
Willis G. Thayer	3.41	
William Welch	18.98	
Wirthmore Stores	59.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,007.14

High School:

Bailey Audio Visual Service	\$ 12.28
Town of Ashfield	17.18
Bennett's Garage	19.13
Charles H. Clougherty Co.	41.93
Commissioner of Public Safety	3.36
George V. Corsiglia Co., Inc.	18.68
H. A. Cranson & Son	1.51
H. L. Dempsey Co., Inc.	11.68

Forbes Snyder, Inc.	57.75		
William Gray	18.08		
O. I. Hayes	12.42		
Johnson Service Co.	33.84		
Keyes Hardware	13.28		
S. K. Nelson Co.	3.00		
Robert E. Nye	70.15		
Roger E. Pollen	391.29		
Ralph S. Pease	25.00		
Reniff's Garage	7.02		
Sanderson Academy	5.62		
Steven's Electric	6.48		
Willis G. Thayer	1.73		
William Welch	9.52		
Wirthmore Stores	31.66		
	<hr/>	\$	812.59
Custodial Truck:			
George Bennett	\$ 8.00		
Bruffee Motor Sales	3.60		
Day's Store	32.86		
Mary P. Howes	81.77		
Dough & Jerry	16.60		
Norm's Service Station	6.75		
Clifton Pease	135.00		
Reniff's Garage	85.74		
Sears Roebuck Co.	7.49		
	<hr/>	\$	377.81
Snow Removal:			
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 45.00		
William Whitehouse	209.00		
	<hr/>	\$	254.00
N.D.E.A., MATH, SCIENCE, LANGUAGE:			
High School:			
Bailey Audio Visual Service	\$ 82.50		
H. L. Dempsey Co., Inc.	279.50		
	<hr/>	\$	362.00
NEW EQUIPMENT:			
Elementary:			
Bailey Audio Visual Service	\$ 34.95		
High School:			
Bailey Audio Visual Service	25.00		
	<hr/>	\$	59.95
TUITION — ELEMENTARY:			
Frederic P. Gray, Treasurer	\$ 194.00		
Town of Greenfield	43.75		
	<hr/>	\$	237.75

TRANSPORTATION — ELEMENTARY:

Mrs. Olive Dodge	\$	117.00	
Mrs. Winifred Shippee		72.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 189.00

TUITION — VOCATIONAL:

Northern Berkshire Vocational	\$	735.00	
Smith Agricultural School		4,932.54	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,667.54

TRANSPORTATION — VOCATIONAL:

Leon Burt	\$	375.00	
Edward Dufresne		104.00	
Addison Graves		106.00	
Lillian Jenkins		83.00	
Harry Jerome		107.00	
Emory Howes		54.00	
John LaBelle		124.00	
Philip McCulloch		100.00	
Harry Pease		67.00	
Dorothy Phelps		79.00	
Jeanne Pichette		1,562.00	
Lester Roberts		103.00	
Norman Wilcox		1,555.20	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,419.20

OTHER OR ADULT TUITION:

Town of Greenfield	\$	21.00	
Springfield Public School System		25.00	
Town of Shelburne		6.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 52.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$155,995.57

Unexpended Balance

2,004.43

TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET

\$158,000.00

P. L. 85-874

Balance on Hand December 31, 1965		1,040.96
Balance on Hand December 31, 1965		1,404.96

PAINTING SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation — Frederick A. Cross		
General Purpose Fund		\$ 3,000.00
Expenditures:		
Ed Theringer — Falls Color Center	\$	1,184.00
Ed Theringer — Falls Color Center		1,184.00
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	\$	2,368.00
Unexpended Balance		<hr/>
	\$	632.00

MUSIC ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1965	\$	84.78	
Memorial Day Parade		100.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 184.78

EXPENDITURES:

New Instrument	\$	80.00	
Repair, Instruments		82.79	
		<hr/>	\$ 162.79

Balance On Hand January 1, 1966	\$	21.99
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ATHLETIC ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1965	\$	221.63	
Game Receipts		403.50	
Total Receipts		<hr/>	\$ 625.13

EXPENDITURES:

Boys' Referees	\$	285.00	
Girls' Referees		106.20	
Policemen		30.00	
Elmer's Store — Supplies		2.35	
Total Expenditures		<hr/>	\$ 423.55

Balance On Hand January 1, 1966	\$	201.58
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HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1965	\$	1,005.26	
Adult Lunchroom Receipts		818.94	
Student Lunchroom Receipts		10,023.19	
State Reimbursements		4,115.14	
Donations		56.62	
		<hr/>	\$ 16,019.15

EXPENDITURES:

Food	\$	6,541.01	
Milk		3,413.78	
Labor		3,949.93	
Cafeteria Supplies		118.37	
New Equipment		21.72	
Cafeteria Expense		404.43	
		<hr/>	\$ 14,449.24

Cash Balance on Hand December 31, 1965	\$	1,569.91
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Respectfully Submitted,

DOROTHY CRAFT, Chairman
GOUVERNEUR M. PHELPS, JR.
ROGER B. SCOTT

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To: Ashfield School Committee

Mrs. Dorothy Craft, Chairman

Mr. Gouverneur Phelps, Jr.

Mr. Roger Scott

I am happy to present to you, this my second town report of the Ashfield School System.

At the last writing, we were faced with the prospect of a considerable expenditure at the Grange Hall. We were, however, successful in our bid for an extension of time. Since our use of the Grange Hall is but a temporary expedient we were understandably hesitant about any serious financial outlay there. The State has, thus far, gone along with us pending the outcome of the Mohawk Regional School which if voted would solve our problem in this area, for our two classes would return to the Academy.

I would here call to the attention of the Committee the unexpended balance of \$2,004.43 which was primarily due to our not making the changes at the Grange Hall which we were lead to believe had to be made.

A special note must be here made of our appreciation to the Sanderson Academy Trustees, who this year purchased playground equipment for the youngsters. The Trustees also installed the night light in the school yard which we have felt the need for during our evening activities at the school.

This past summer we had the Academy painted two coats of first run latex base paint. While we were allowed \$3,000.00 from the Cross Fund, we were able to get the work done for \$2,369.00.

Both the gym floor and stage were done over this past year. The gym floor was sanded, lined and refinished.

Mr. Kendrick, our seventh and eighth grade teacher, is being called up for the draft. The Committee has accepted his resignation and we are presently using a temporary substitute in these grades and interviewing applicants for the position.

We have this past year done more in the field of guidance and to date eleven of our June graduates have been accepted at institutions for further advanced study.

As you will recall, in 1964 we split the then seventh grade because we had thirty five students in the class with an expected increase of seven students that year. We presently have two eighth

grades numbering seventeen and twenty. Our present seventh grade is made up of thirty-three students and if the enrollment increases next year, there will again be too many students in the class to do an adequate job. A good class size is twenty to twenty-five. When we get into a class of thirty and beyond we start to reach a point of diminishing returns.

Because of an increased enrollment in the nine through twelve area, 34 entering freshmen next year, freshmen classes in English, Social Studies and Science will be next to impossible to handle. The classrooms are not large enough and in our present set up, teachers would not be able to handle extra classes if the incoming class were split. Then, too, the teacher - pupil ratio would certainly be too great to do an adequate teaching job.

There is a solution to this problem, however, which though but a temporary expedient, would help the situation until such time as the Mohawk Regional School opens. We could hire a Physical Education teacher who has a minor in Science. By doing this the new teacher would set up a fine Physical Education program in grades one to twelve. This would relieve our Social Studies teacher from Physical Education duties and allow time for another Social Studies class. It would also free our Commercial teacher from Physical Education so that he could offer another commercial subject. Then if the new teacher could teach a general science course and we dropped Psychology to allow the English teacher another class period in English, we could split the incoming freshman Class into two groups and do an even better job in the present limited classroom space. The above I have recommended to the Committee and an allowance for the additional teacher has been made in our 1966-67 school budget.

The principal's report in the 1963 town report states, "we will be in serious difficulties in September of 1966". Mr. Dragon's report in this issue bears this out.

A recent communication from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools indicates that all schools must be evaluated by June of 1967. Sanderson Academy is presently accredited by the New England Association and we have been putting off the expense of an evaluation, pending the outcome of the Mohawk Regional School, for if the Mohawk goes through we would not have to be evaluated and it would be an unnecessary expense to the town.

The Mohawk Regional School Committee has had its plans approved by the School Building Assistance Commission and the architects are doing the finished working drawings now. Land has been purchased, water has been struck, the logging bid has been awarded and within a few months bids will be received for the

building and the bond issue will come before the voters of the eight towns.

The Regional Committee is trying for September of 1967 as a target date for opening the new school. We can probably hold out until that time, but staying in our present plant much beyond 1967 borders on the impossible.

May I at this time thank the School Committee for their confidence and the faculty and staff for their continued concern for the youngsters of our town.

Respectively submitted,

ROBERT E. REIDY,
Superintendent of Schools
Union #25, Ashfield, Mass.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Robert Reidy
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reidy,

I hereby submit my report as principal of Sanderson Academy and the Ashfield Consolidated School:

ENROLLMENT — December 23, 1965

Ashfield Consolidated School

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
Special			
Class	5	2	7
1	9	16	25
2	13	14	27
3	10	11	21
4	14	13	27
5	10	16	26
6	21	14	35
7	18	16	34
8	15	21	36
Total	115	123	238

	Sanderson Academy		
9	9	10	19
10	10	6	16
11	10	4	14
12	8	16	24
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Total	37	36	73
	Tuition Pupils		
Smith Vocational	7	1	8
McCann Vocational	2		2
Buckland-Shelburne			
Regional	1		1
Greenfield Trainable			
Class	1		1
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	11	1	12
Combined Total	163	160	323
1964 Total	163	142	305
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Increase	0	18	18

FACULTY

During the past summer some of our faculty members took graduate courses.

Mrs. Nancy Dole was on our staff until December. We are grateful for the fine work she did with the fifth grade.

Mrs. Janet Gallagher will replace Mrs. Dole.

Mr. Robert Small's assignments this year include seventh and eighth grade English, counseling for grade seven through twelve and band director.

Mr. Ronald Kendrick joined our faculty this year and is teaching seventh and eighth grade math, seventh grade social studies and mechanical drawing.

Mrs. Hilarione Williston is a full time teacher this year and is teaching our French and Latin classes.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

The outside of the building was given a fresh coat of paint during the summer vacation.

The gymnasium floor was refinished and lines were added to the floor for basketball and volleyball.

The guidance office was moved from the ballroom to the storeroom. Half of the storeroom was painted to make the guidance office more attractive.

The scoreboard in the gymnasium had to be repaired in time for the first game.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Through the generosity of the Sanderson Academy Trustees we have a new set of swings and a multiple horizontal chinning bar set for the palyground.

The school has purchased a "Commodore Drycopy" machine. This machine may be used to create projection and spirit transparencies, transfer copies, spirit masters and any type of thermal copy.

TESTING

The Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Test will be given in February to grades one, three, five and seven and the Metropolitan Achievement Test will be given in May to grades one through twelve.

The Cooperative Tests will be given to high school students in May. These tests are administered in separate subject areas.

The school offers the National Educational Development Test to freshmen and sophomores, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to juniors, and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to juniors and seniors.

The school is also a member of the American College Testing Program and College Entrance Examination Board.

Seven of our students received Certificates of Educational Development for having scored in the top 10 per cent of their grades nationally.

Commentary

Sanderson Academy is again faced with a space problem. Our increased enrollment has made it necessary to utilize all available space. After careful study, I have found that we must make room for thirty-three incoming freshmen. It will be necessary to divide this class into two homerooms. In September of 1966 the seventh grade will contain thirty-nine students and the eighth grade will have thirty-six. According to all educational standards these two classrooms should be divided. At present our school can provide room for fourteen homerooms if we use the Home Economics room. By September of 1966 we will need fifteen rooms if we are going to properly accomodate our students.

IN CLOSING

In closing I would like to thank the School Committee, the Superintendent, the Faculty and Staff for the support and help they have given me this second year as Principal of Sanderson Academy.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. DRAGON, Principal

REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert E. Reidy
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reidy,

Guidance services are a fundamental part of the educational program of a school or school system. Concern for serving individual pupils in our schools is reflected in part by the ever-increasing attention and efforts of our schools toward effective guidance services.

Although many schools have increased in size during recent years due to such factors as the consolidation of school districts and the rapid growth in school-age population, there are still many small schools. Probably not more than one in four or five schools in the small school range has a counselor. It is of considerable merit that a part-time counselor's position has been established at Sanderson Academy to serve grades seven through twelve. This certainly shows an increased desire of those concerned with the school to meet the individual needs of the students.

Basically, our Guidance Department hopes to provide for:

- a. an inventory or cumulative record and analysis of each student's characteristics.
- b. gathering, making available, and disseminating occupational information to each student.
- c. gathering, making available, and disseminating education and training information to each student.
- d. counseling, through individual conferences to aid students in the solution of their educational, vocational, personal, and social problems.
- e. placement services 1) to assist students in obtaining part-time and summer positions 2) to help graduates in procuring full-time permanent positions and 3) to aid young people in finding admissions possibilities and achieving acceptance in post-secondary school education and training.

Small schools have a number of characteristic problems in developing and maintaining guidance services, such as the lack of specialized personnel and limited physical facilities. However, I feel that we have been able to capitalize on the more favorable aspects found within the framework of the small schools. It is my hope that

a continuing cooperation and coordination with the individuals of our school and our community, who might assist in the provision of guidance services, will be developed to achieve further success.

I would like to thank the School Committee, Mr. Reidy, and the Faculty and Staff of Sanderson Academy for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. SMALL

SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELLOR

As in the past I spend Wednesday and Friday in Sanderson Academy.

Much of my time is devoted to individual counseling of children in grade one through eight. Various tests have been administered in order to ascertain the root of some problems affecting the learning process. Numerous conferences have been held with the teachers whose cooperation and background information have helped me to find solutions for these problems. A substantial number of home-visits have been made with the view of assessing the entire situation affecting the academic progress of the child.

My relationship with the county social agencies continues to be excellent. During the past year I have availed myself fully of their service. Many of our children's problems would have been very difficult to help had it not been for the specialized services offered by these agencies.

My efforts to keep informed on the advances in my field have continued. I have taken graduate courses and have attended professional conferences and workshops. I have also spoken to several P.T.A.'s in the area and at the meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Service to Youth. It was a source of satisfaction to be elected to membership in the Sigma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary society for women educators.

As in past years, I have enjoyed the utmost cooperation of the teachers and principal. The nurses, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Sluter, have been most willing to help me assess some difficulty where health has been a factor in school adjustment. Finally, both the Superintendent, Mr. Reidy, and the Ashfield School Committee have shown a thorough understanding of the School Adjustment Counsellor program and have generously supported it.

Respectively submitted,

ANTIONETTE ILARDI

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Mr. Robert E. Reidy
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reidy,

It is with pleasure I submit my first annual report as School Nurse for the year 1965.

The school health program has an important role in the overall education of children. In order for a child to function his best, good health, both physical and emotional, is a necessity. It is our endeavor to reach these goals through the cooperation of the school physician, teachers, nurse, parents and associated services. An individual health evaluation of each child is completed during the school year.

Vision and hearing tests revealed some failures. Parents were very cooperative by following up these problems with advice from their own physicians. Weights and heights of all children were checked semi-annually. Regular school visits are made. Conferences with teachers and parents to discuss the children and their problems are frequent.

The school health program has taken advantage of community resources to improve and aid our children. Among these are the Franklin County Mental Health Center, the Speech Clinic at the University of Massachusetts, Crippled Children's Clinic and Pediatric Clinic at the Franklin County Public Hospital, Salvation Army, Cerebral Palsy Association and the local Board of Health.

A dental survey was conducted by Miss Genevieve Ely, State Department Dental Hygienist for all students in November. The results were very gratifying, most children either having no cavities or under the care of a family dentist.

In-service meetings in connection with the State Health Department and the school health program were attended regularly. These proved to be informative and helpful.

Summary:

	1964	1965
School enrollment	301	313
Absences	2169	2327
School visits	97	60
Conferences at School	62	70
Conferences at Home	60	23
Transportation	46	5

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the school staff and parents for their cooperation in making my duties more pleasurable.

CAROL I. SLUTER, R.N.

REPORT OF THE BAND DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert E. Reidy
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reidy,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit my first report as Band Director.

The band has met this year with much spirit and enthusiasm. We have increased our membership to fifty and I believe could have more if it were not for the lack of instruments. Unfortunately, several young people have dropped out of band because they were unable to obtain instruments.

We have purchased some new music this year which includes a book of short, peppy marches, some familiar standards, and some "pep specials".

We are looking forward to our Spring Concert and participation in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival and Memorial Day Parade.

I would like to thank the faculty for their cooperation and also the students who have made this position a very enjoyable one for me.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. SMALL

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Dear Mr. Reidy,

Some of our outward accomplishments for the year included a joint spring concert with the high school band; participation in commencement exercises; a Christmas program including all elementary school pupils, and members of the junior and high school chorus.

Each elementary classroom is visited by the supervisor once a week. In September, the junior high school students were offered a choice between music and art; and if music were chosen they could participate in either band or chorus; or both. Our joint junior and senior high school chorus numbers sixty-two.

In September we introduced to the younger children "experience charts" devoted to the development of musicianship through the ear and voice. The charts are very effective in teaching the children fundamentals of music reading. In this "hand singing", the child has specific hand signals for each of the given tonal degrees. This course was inspired by the system of ear training and hand singing used throughout Hungary by the eminent music educator and composer Zoltan Kodaly. We endeavor also to employ many methods taught by Karl Orff in his *Schulwerk* which has been refreshing to many a music educator in this country.

In the upper grades we have been using "Sight and Sound", an adaptation of Kodaly's method for older children.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA U. COWELL

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

My principal objective in teaching art is to make the activity fun, which means that the lessons should be interesting and stimulating. Novelty and variety are important in this respect so each year I try to introduce some new materials and ideas and to vary my approach to the standard materials and subjects of art.

The schedule of classes this fall has been much improved from the teacher's point of view so that all classes have art once a week. The seventh, eighth and high school students have been put into one elective class, thus reducing four classes to one. This latter is, of course, a temporary expedient, as in the new regional school the art facilities will be much improved and art should be available to all seventh and eighth graders.

During the winter and spring of 1965 class lessons included designing with transparent colored tissue papers pasted or taped in place, drawing the human figure and face, side and front in proportion, some instruction in perspective, designs with crayons and water color, lettering, origami and drawing with shading. Additional media used were charcoal, lithograph crayon, chalk and ink.

A new technique was to pass out two or three small pieces of paper at a time for design projects to stimulate the making of several designs. This was much more successful than passing out one nine by twelve and asking the class to fold or rule it in four parts and make four designs.

During the spring the students' work was collected for exhibit. It was shown in the school at the end of the year and reserved to be exhibited again at the Bicentennial.

This fall the students worked with paint and chalk, lettered alphabets using news clippings for type style, drew sailing ships for Columbus Day, cut colored circles into Hex designs for Halloween, made clay pinch pots and other things which were glazed and fired and silk screened designs for Christmas cards.

During the remainder of the school year I hope to do somewhat more with art appreciation, exhibiting reproductions of drawings and paintings which similar in content and technique to the work of children, make designs for picture puzzles, make designs to print on to textile probably for curtains and teach the spot repeat technique of textile design.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY MUTHER LAWTON

REPORT OF THE CAFETERIA SUPERVISOR

Mr. Robert Reidy
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reidy,

I hereby submit my first report as cafeteria manager, with Mrs. Dufresne as my assistant.

Our Lunch Program continues to be self-supporting and daily participation high. We feed an average of 280 students and teachers daily.

An excellent supply of government commodities have been available, which helps us financially.

A Type A lunch is served every day. This provides one-third of the recommended daily nutrients a child needs.

Parents are always welcome to visit or purchase lunch any time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Reidy, Mr. Dragon and the School Committee for their support and cooperation.

PHYLLIS GRAVES,
Cafeteria Manager

REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Progress of committee activities have been excellent during the past year. The committee has met regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Hawlemont School, Charlemont and the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Buckland-Shelburne Regional School, Shelburne. Meetings are called to order at 8:05 P.M. and all meetings are open to the public.

Sub-Committees have been at work throughout the year on specified areas of responsibility. These sub-committees have spent many long hours of research and work and their reports have been completely discussed prior to voting by the full committee.

Areas that have been covered this year are:

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS: — This sub-committee is charged with recommending educational specifications that are necessary for the proper operation of the school. They have visited many regional schools of the size that is proposed for Mohawk. They have made their recommendations, which were approved by the full committee and subsequently approved by the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston. From these specifications, architects have determined the number of rooms and supporting activities needed. Although this sub-committee made its recommendations in March, they have been active in co-ordinating minor changes to the school plant among the full committee, architects and the School Building Assistance Commission.

TEMPORARY LOAN: — By a vote of the full committee in January, the committee voted to issue \$175,000.00 bond or notes for the District for preliminary expenses. Four towns in the District approved the vote by taking no action. Four towns approved by a vote at special town meeting. Money is borrowed as needed, and a permanent repayment agreement of these funds must be made by August 1, 1966. Financial figures are contained in the District Treasurer's report.

ARCHITECTS: — The firm of Alderman and MacNeish, West Springfield, Mass., was engaged as architects for the District at a special meeting of the Committee in March. A formal contract with this firm was signed in April. This firm has presented many suggestions and recommendations to the committee. Their co-operation with the committee leaves nothing to be desired.

SITE: — The sub-committee recommended the Dunnell property and on Nov. 25, 1964 the full committee voted to obtain the

Dunnell property as the site of the proposed school. Test pits were made and the property was approved by the Massachusetts Department of Health and the School Building Assistance Commission prior to the vote to obtain this property.

In May, the Site sub-committee recommended Mr. Andrew Waite as surveyor and the full committee voted to engage Mr. Andrew Waite to survey this property.

By a unanimous vote of the committee on August 11, 1965, the committee took, by eminent domain, fifty-four (54) acres of the Dunnell property for the site of the proposed school. In addition, on September 8, 1965, the committee again voted to take three (3).

R. E. Chapman & Co., Oakdale, Mass., was engaged to sink a well in August 1965. This well was tested over a twenty-four hour period in September and produced 48 and $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons a minute, a volume that is more than adequate for the needs of the school.

Negotiations are underway to sell the standing timber on this property prior to construction of the proposed school. Areas to be cleared will be used for the building and supporting facilities.

Test borings were made on the actual site by Geomeasurements, Inc. and subsoil was proved suitable for supporting the buildings.

HEAT: — The heating sub-committee, after much research has recommended electric heat and the full committee voted to heat the proposed school by electricity. Relative to this area, presentations were made by representatives of Western Massachusetts Electric Company and the Oil Heating Institute.

FINANCIAL: — Financial statement of the District by the District Treasurer appears elsewhere in this Town Report.

PUBLICITY: — A publicity sub-committee consisting of one member from each of the District Towns, was appointed in September. This sub-committee has spent many hours in the preparation of releases and brochures.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: —

Mr. Charles Goodwin of Charlemont resigned from the Committee in February and was replaced by Miss Doris Askew.

Mr. Karl Jurentkuff of Rowe was replaced on the committee by Mr. Richard P. Stickney in March.

Mr. Edwin Johnson of Shelburne, Chairman of the Committee was compelled to resign due to leaving the area and was replaced by Mr. Robert Wishart in August.

Mr. Clement H. Record of Ashfield was elected Chairman of the Committee in September.

BROKER: — The firm of George D. Mirick & Son was appointed Broker of Record in September. This action enables the committee and the architects to obtain insurance information that would not otherwise be available.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: — The following tentative schedule is a guide and will climax with the signing of a contract for construction of the proposed school:

February 23, 1966 — Submit complete working drawings and specifications to the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston.

March 3, 1966 — Committee meeting with the School Building Assistance Commission for approval of working drawings and specifications.

March 10, 1966 — Advertise for bids for the proposed school.

March 24, 1966 — Receive sub-bids.

March 31, 1966 — Special meeting to receive general bids and vote the bond issue. Formal notification to the Boards of Selectmen of member towns in accordance with the agreement.

April 11, 1966 — Meeting with the School Building Assistance Commission to obtain formal approval. Arrange meeting with the Emergency Finance Board for approval of Bond Issue.

April 14, 1966 — Meeting with the Emergency Finance Board.

April 21, 1966 — Receive results of Emergency Finance Board meeting.

April 22, 1966 — Bond Counsel rules on legality of procedure and bonds can be issued.

April 25, 1966 — Sign contract for construction.

CONCLUSION: — The cooperation of the committee has been excellent. It is the desire and aim of the committee to present to the member towns, in the very near future, a plan for a school plant that will fill the needs of the area for many years. We have not discussed figures for the proposed school at this time inasmuch as all figures are estimates and when the committee votes the bond issue for consideration by the eight towns in the District, the vote will be based on a firm contract bid.

It is hoped that you will attend meetings and presentations to be presented within the District Towns so that you will be informed of the school plant and supporting activities prior to the vote on the bond issue.

It is our hope that young people in our communities will enter the new school in the fall of 1967. This can be accomplished with the continued support of the eight towns comprising the Mohawk Trail Regional District School.

Members of the Mohawk Trail Regional District School
Committee:

ASHFIELD:

Gouverneur M. Phelps
Clement H. Record, *Chairman*

COLRAIN:

Helen Call
Russell Denison, *V-Chairman*
Roderick Lively

BUCKLAND:

Bernard H. Shippee
Wayne Shippee
Ralph W. Wells, *Treasurer*

HAWLEY:

Harriet Theuer, *Secretary*

HEATH:

Rachel Sumner

CHARLEMONT:

Doris Askew
Raymond Willis

ROWE:

Richard Stickney

SHELBURNE:

Harriet Davenport
Guy Manners
Robert Wishart

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT OF TREASURER

Statement of OPERATIONS

For the Year ended December 31, 1965

Town Assessments:

Ashfield	\$ 1,657.37
Buckland	2,419.23
Charlemont	1,403.38
Colrain	2,165.24
Hawley	427.68
Heath	521.29
Rowe	307.34
Shelburne	2,098.47
	<hr/> \$ 11,000.00

Other:

Interest Income	6.87
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$ 11,006.87

Less — Cost of Operations:

Secretary's Salary	\$ 1,500.00
Attorneys' Fees	718.45
Interest on Loans	614.33
Educational Consultant Fees	570.00
Land Appraisal	450.00
Treasurer's Salary	400.00
Travel	165.64
Office Supplies and Expense	153.76
Office Equipment	130.00
Prints	120.20
Telephone	61.85
Treasurer's Bond	44.00
Office Rent	40.00
Registration Fee	20.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,988.23
Transferred to Surplus Revenue	\$ 6,018.64

Statement of CAPITAL OUTLAYS

For the Year ended December 31, 1965

Receipts:

Proceeds of Loans	\$ 80,000.00
Less — Capital Outlays:	
Architects Fees	\$ 55,000.00

Land	16,000.00
Test Borings	4,357.25
Land Surveys	1,407.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 76,764.25
Appropriation Balances (Non Revenue)	\$ 3,235.75

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1965

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 11,224.94
Loans Authorized	175,000.00
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	\$186,224.94

LIABILITIES

Temporary Loans - Due August 1, 1966	\$ 80,000.00
Loans Authorized and Unissued	95,000.00
Accrued Interest	614.33
Appropriation Balances (Non Revenue)	3,235.75
Surplus Revenue	7,374.86
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	\$186,224.94

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. WELLS,
Treasurer

ATHOL-FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School Planning Committee reorganized after the October 20, 1964 vote with 20 towns: Ashfield, Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Petersham, Royalston, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, and Warwick. The proposed curriculum and apportioned costs were revised for the anticipated enrollment.

Early in 1965 the Royalston committee withdrew from the planning committee to join with a study committee in the Fitchburg-Gardner area. On February 16, 1965 a new agreement was signed by committee members from the remaining nineteen towns. While the agreement was being approved by bond counsel, School Building Assistance Commission, the Commissioner of Education and the Emergency Finance Board, preparations were made for a vote on the formation of a regional vocational school district April 26, 1965. Attempts to schedule the vote during annual town meetings failed due to the law which said the question must be voted in all nineteen communities within a 30 day period.

Eighteen towns voted to establish a regional vocational school district in the April 26th vote. In a conference with School Building Assistance Commission, bond counsel, vocational education and members of the General Court steps were taken to validate the action of the 18 towns notwithstanding the fact that Gill had voted not to join the district. Governor Volpe signed into law on June 22, 1965, House Bill 4016 which officially established the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District.

At the organization meeting July 8, 1965, Mary E. Warner of Sunderland was elected Chairman, Alvin Cole of Athol - Vice Chairman, and Arthur York of Greenfield - Secretary. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Greenfield Vocational School.

Compilation of a proper budget, interviewing and screening architect and superintendent-director candidates, and determination of the best available site for the school have provided a busy agenda for the remainder of 1965. Educational specifications will be written early in 1966 and the architect and superintendent-director will prepare plans for committee approval. It is hoped that ground will be broken in late summer 1966 and vocational-technical facilities will be available to all our youngsters and adults in September 1967.

Robert VanIderstine, Ashfield
Virginia Pryor, Athol
Alvin B. Cole, Athol
Norman Roberts, Athol
Rev. James M. Mockler, Bernardston
Dana Rittall, Buckland
Gerald T. Raymond, Charlemont
Kenneth W. Avery, Colrain
Frederick G. Clark, Deerfield
Leo Cordery, Erving
James L. Hanley, Jr., Greenfield
Peter J. Sullivan, Greenfield

Herbert M. Darling, Greenfield
Arthur K. York, Greenfield
Kenneth Williams, Leverett
Sherman Gray, Leyden
Ward M. Hunting, New Salem
Frank J. Rockwell, Northfield
Cyril Ellis, Petersham
John H. Schultz, Jr., Shelburne
Margaret Randall, Shutesbury
Mary E. Warner, Sunderland
Albert Alden, Jr., Warwick

FINANCIAL STATEMENT **Expenditures Through Warrants of December 1965**

1000	ADMINISTRATION	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
1100	School Committee			
1100-00-1	Legal Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 1,294.00
1100-00-2	Treasurer's Salary	312.50	312.50	00.00
1100-00-2	School Committee Clerk	800.00	362.24	437.76
1100-00-5	Treasurer's Supplies	00.00	11.60	(11.60)
1100-00-6	School Committee Expenses			
	Postage	50.00	115.18	(65.18)
	Travel Expenses	650.00	651.32	(1.32)
	Photo Copies Land Deeds	00.00	10.00	(10.00)
1200	Superintendent's Office			
1200-00-1	Bank Service Charges	00.00	1.08	(1.08)
1200-00-5	Office Supplies	150.00	256.89	(106.89)
1200-00-6	Contingency (Unforeseen)	1,500.00	00.00	1,500.00
4000	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF			
	SCHOOL PLANT			
4130	Utilities			
4130-00-6	Telephone	200.00	159.95	40.05
5000	FIXED CHARGES			
5200	Insurance Program			
5200-00-6	Treasurer's Bond	50.00	26.00	24.00

5300	Rental of Land & Buildings			
5300-00-8	Rental, Office Space	250.00	250.00	00.00
7000	ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS			
7300	Acquisition of New Equipment			
7300-00-8	Office Equipment	215.00	752.52	(537.52)
		<u>215.00</u>	<u>752.52</u>	<u>(537.52)</u>
		\$ 5,677.50	\$ 3,115.28	\$ 2,562.22

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